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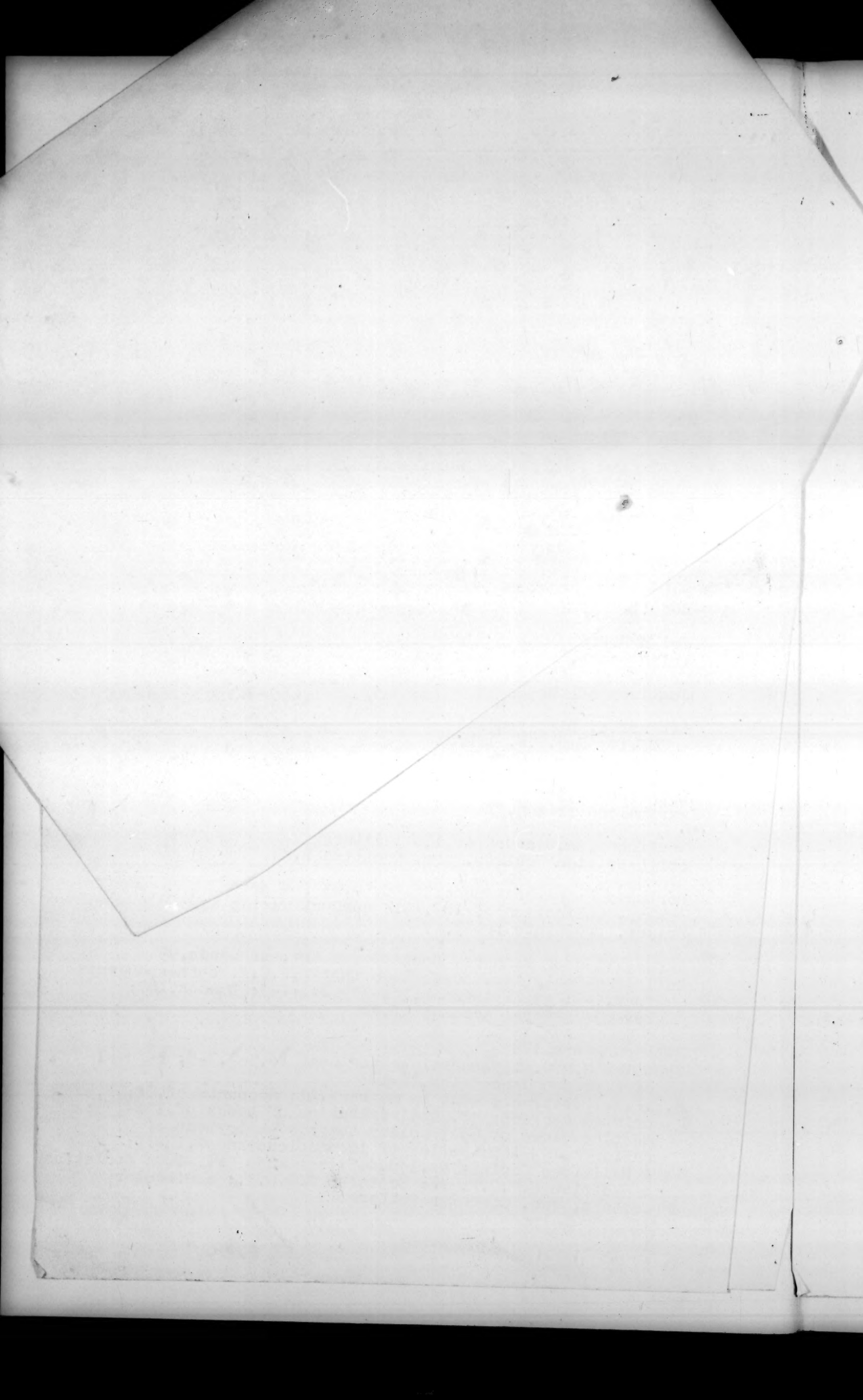

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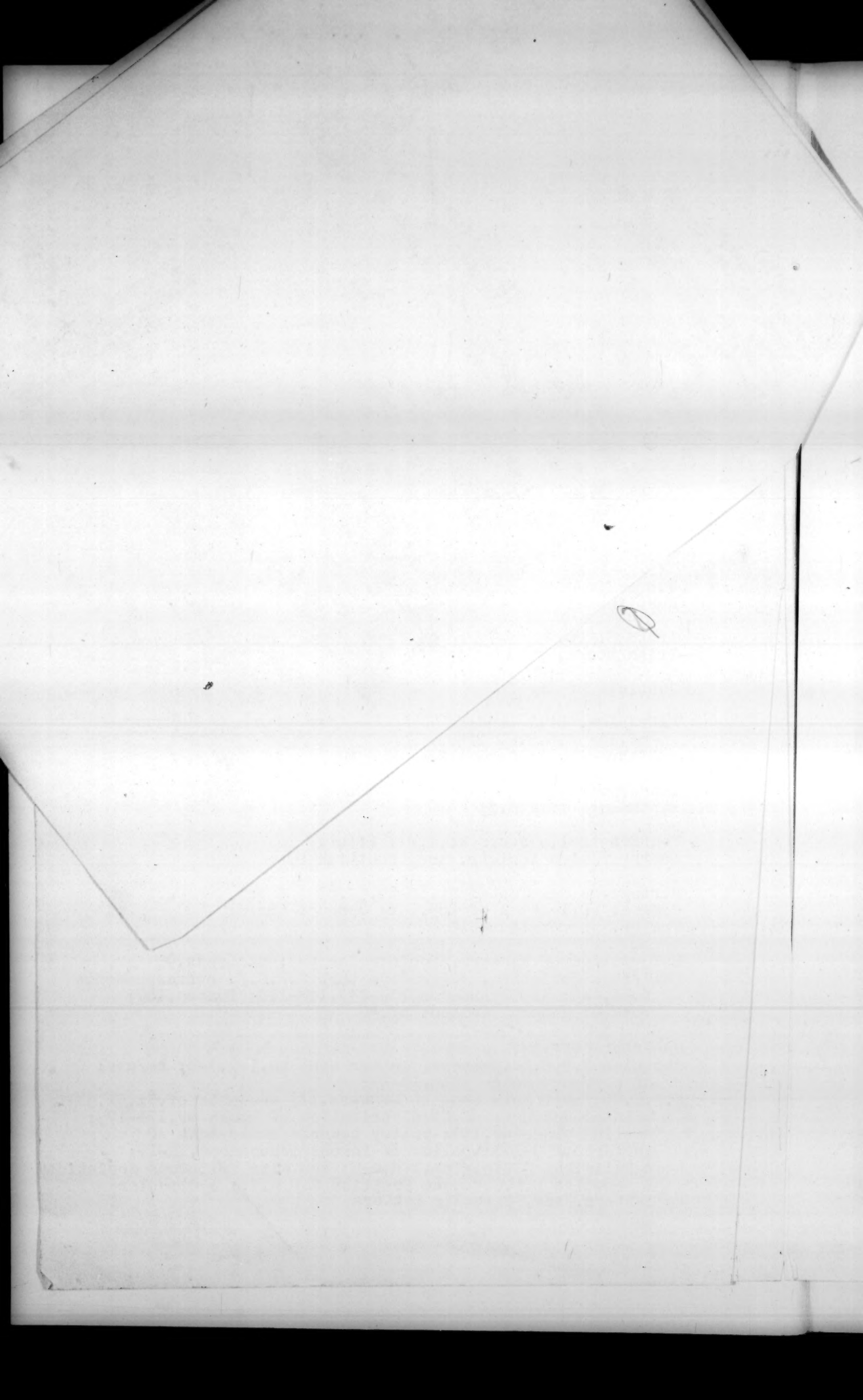

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August 1700.

The first General Letter to Compa

The Society for ~~Propagating~~ Promoting Christian Knowledge have ordered me to Acquaint you That upon the Character they have from of your Piety, Charity, & Christian Zeal; and out of a hearty Esteem for you on those Accounts They have chosen you a Corresponding Member of their Society desiring your Concurrence in the prosecution of their designs by such Methods as the Laws of the Land and Canons of the Church recommend and as Christian Prudence and Charity shall direct.

Altho the good Effects of the Society's Endeavours, are visible in many parts of the Kingdom, Yet ye Persons concernd are not perhaps comonly known except to the Corresponding Members who by the Rules of ye Society may and are desired as they have opportunity to attend their meetings: This is a Voluntary Society ~~of about 10 years standing~~ consisting of Several Honourable, Reverend, and Worthy Persons both of the Clergy and Laity, in whom it hath pleased Almighty God to Excite a Holy Zeal for his Honour, and a great Love and tenderness to the Souls of Men.

This Society hath sometimes been Mistaken for y^e of Reformation of Manners; And tho the End of both is directed to the Glory of God & the good of Mankind, Yet the Measures taken by each are different: The Societies for Reformacon applying themselves chiefly to the putting ye Laws in Execution against Prophaness & Debauchery Whereas the Endeavours of this Society are immediatly directed to the

~~Propagating~~ Promoting Christian Knowledge especially amongst the Poorer sort of People wch they have been carrying on (from their beginning) with great Diligence and Application attended wth a large Expence defrayd chiefly by their own Voluntary Subscriptions / The Endeavours used by this Society for carrying on their good designs are Various viz.t

First By Setting up and promoting Charity Schools in London & Westminster where their Members chiefly reside & by encouraging y.e like in several Counties in England & Wales, by the Assistance of their Corresponding Members, And it hath pleased God to give a Blessing to y.e endeavours & mightily to prosper and encrease such Schools.

Another Method has been by dispersing small & useful Tracts not only against the Comon Vices, but also for the Instruction of the Poorer Sort in the Knowledge of God and of our Holy Religion, & for their Assistance in a Xtian Practice: Besides wch they have also dispersed little Tracts of many particular Duties wch are too much neglected, as of Prayer, frequenting the H: Communion, Observation of the Lords day, Restitution, y.e Duty of God fathers & God mothers &c.

The Society on Sundry Occasions & as fitting Opportunities offered have also dispersd several Books against Popery, Antinomianism and Quakerism whereby its hopd they have Guarded many unwary & well meaning People from those Errors & also brought some out of them, And by y.e Blessing of Almighty God on those and y.e like

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It may be further added That by means of this Society, many good Men are become more known and usefull to one another by a Christian Conversation, and Correspondence, and have a far greater Power by the Grace of God of doing Good by their joynt Assistance and Advice than singly can be expected.

This consideration together wth the Success it has pleased God to give to their Endeavrs are constant Motives for proceeding in their designs, & inviting good Men into them by adding Members to their Body here & Enlarging their Correspondence in the Country.

As to Corresponding Members tho' Several of them do Contribute Yearly to the Society for carrying on their designs, Yet by the Rules of the Society, That is not required of them, but only that they Shall Countenance & promote ye same Charitable purposes where they live & they have Ability & Opportunity wch 'tis presumed no good Man can long want nor be unable in some Measure to set forward.

To wch End the Society desire a free & constant Correspondence wth you: And as soon as you signifie your Consent thereto they will give you Notice by what Hand to carry on such a Correspondence with them; And in ye mean time I am

Sr

Your most humble Servant.

P: S: please to direct for me to be left at ye Rev Mr Shutes in Bartlets Buildings. London

Rev.d Sir

Octob. 1708.

The Second General Letter to Correspond.ts

The Society for Propmo agating Christian Knowledge have by me Recieved your Answer to my Letter Wherein you had a genral Acco.t of the Designs of y.e Society & of some of the Methods they use for carrying them on: They are pleased w.th your Ready Acceptance of their correspond.ence; and espetially w.th yo.r desire & Zeal to promote the same Design in your Neighbourhood.

The Society believe you may best do that by some such Methods as I mencioned in my former Letter; But since Nothing very considerable therein can perhaps be done by any one alone; or at least for y.e greater Countenance of your Endeavours, & for removing such difficulties as have been Ordinarily met w.th: They think it necessary you should provail w.th such of the Clergy & Laity of your Neighborhood as you find best disposed and able to joyn w.th you in this Charitable Work: And they hope you will find no great difficulty therein Since the frequent meeting of the Clergy for the discouragement of Vice and Advancement of Piety hath been particularly recommended by the A. B. of Canterbury and other Lords & Bishops in their Circular Let.rs

When Once you have set up a Society Altho' at first it consists not of more than 3 or 4 such persons I before hinted at You will find your work much Easier than you imagined.

As to the Place of meeting, It may perhaps be proper to consider whether a Private House may not better Answer the Ends of yo.r meeting than a Publique One; But as to that & concerning what Rules, besides the Laws of the Land & Canons of the of Church you shall govern your selves by, your own Piety & Prudence will best direct you.

The Society will present you a Small Packet of such Books & Papers as they at present dispers for the promoting Christian Knowledge and Practice, as soon as you send particular directions How it may be sent & on what days your Carrier goes out from hence.

In this Packet you will find a New Catalogue of many other Books Serviceable to that Purpose some of which Also the Society have Occasionally dispersed to good Effect. And if you should be

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minded at any time to give some of them amongst your Poor Neighb.
as Society will Assist you in Obtaining such as you shall desire at the
lowest Rate.

They hope to hear frequently from you and as occasion may
offer, & that you will recommend to them such worthy Persons (being at some
distance from you) as you judge proper for their Correspondence
after they have been Acquainted w.th the Societies designs & have
intimated a willingness to Correspond with them, and that herein
you will take care such Persons be Men of Piety Humility
Charity & Zeal for promoting Christian Knowledge.

S.r Before I send this Letter I am to acquaint you w.th a
Resolution of the Society Viz.t

That it be recommended to every Member to Pray to
Almighty God for a Blessing on the Consultations & Endeavours
of the Society. I am

Y.o.rs. JN.

Please to direct as before.

leave this out.

Novemb.r 1708.

The first Gen.l Lett.r to N.B. Correspondents.

Rev.d Sir

The Society for propagating Christian Knowledge
have Order'd me to acquaint you; That upon the Caracter they have
from M.r Chamberlayne of your Piety Charity and Xtian Zeal, and
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And as the Society doubt not of yr Authority and Power so they are well Assured of your readiness and Zeal to sett forward so good an undertaking, which by his Countenance and Assistance of yr Self and other good Men amongst you is as they understand in a great measure already advanced in North Britain: And that those Christian designs may be by ye best Advice and Assistance promoted both here and there for the Glory of God, and the good of Mankind to the Pleasure and Comfort of us all, the Society desire a free and constant Correspondence with you, and as soon as you signifie yr Consent thereto they will give you Notice by what hand to carry on such a Correspondence and in the meantime I am

To the Revd Mr Carstares, Mr Sterling, Mr Baillie severally.

Revd Sr

&c

Revd Sr

London. 28. Decr. 1700.

Yrs of the 27th past I laid before the Society, and am ordered to acquaint you that they are very well pleased with your Concurrence for

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Propagating the Knowledge and Practice of the Xtian Religion; and are much Affected wth your Success in the Subscriptions towards carrying on the like Endeavours in North Britain. They heartily Pray Almighty God to Prosper the Society which is forming in your Parts & direct all your undertakings to his Glory: And that he will reward yor work & Labour of Love.

The Society have presented you wth a small Packet of such Books & Papers as they disperse for the promoting Christian Knowledge & Practice wch shall be sent to you so soon as I am informd of the best way of Conveying the same. In the Packet there is a New Catalogue of many other Usefull Books, which you will perceive, (some of which the Society have occasionally dispersed at your Effort. The like Specimen of Books sent to all their Correspondents, And if they are minded at any time to give some of them amongst their poor Neighbours the Society assist them in obtaining such as they desire at ye cheapest Rates.

But being unacquainted what books of the like kind you have in North Britain they entirely Submitt it to Us wch may be made of them to yor Christian Prudence.

The Society will be glad from time to time to receive an Accot of what Progress shall be made for Advancing true Christian Piety and bringing the Ignorant to a Sence of their Duty and to the Saving Knowledge of Jesus Christ which they earnestly pray may be propagated throughout the whole World; That by the powerfull Opperations of the Holy Spirit The Kingdoms of the Earth may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Xt.

I am Also to acquaint you wth a Resolution of the Society viz: That it be recommended to every Member to pray to Almighty God for a Blessing on the Consultations and Endeavours of the Society,

To which give me Leave to Subjoin in my request That he may always share in your best wishes, who is.

Sr your most obed. &
most humble Servt.

This was ye 2d Letter to the Revd Mr Carstares and Mr Sterling.

approvd of by ye Committee. H. N.

Rev.d Sr

London 4 January 1708.

I recieved your Lre without any date acquainting the Society That you are at a Loss to form a Corporation that may legally receive such Bounties your Lo.p may and therefore you desire directions from the Society therein and a Copy of the Instrument of their Incorporation. In Answer, I am Ordered to Send you herew.th the Papers inclosed whereby you will See The Rise of the Society for Propagation of y.e Gospel in Forreign p.ts from this for propagation of Christian knowledge at home But this Society is not incorporated yet have all along (notwithstanding the Assisting in the other) diligently persued their designs of propagating Xian Knowledge which Since the Establishment of the Aforemenhoned Society are chiefly confined to our own Country, Nor do they need or have they desired to be Incorporated And they think what you propose may be sufficiently provided for by means of the Laws in being by payment of the Moneys to Such Persons Chosen by the Benefactors in Trust for the purposes you mention Indeed there must be some Care taken of the Deed by w.ch Such Trusts are declared & Settled and therefore Good Advice should be taken thereon.

As to your receiving a Legacy The Society in their Accot. of Charity Schools have set down a Forme of such Request w.ch if observed will they believe answer the purpose for w.ch its designd. The Society assure you they have a just and great Esteem for you whom they Count a very worthy and Usefull Member of their Body and will readily give you their Advice in Settling the Charity in Such manner as you think fit. I am.

To y.e Rev.d Mr Bradley at York - - - Sir Yo.r &c

Rev.d Sr

London 25th Jan.y 1708/9

Your very great favour of the 24th Dec.r having been Communicated to the Society for propagating Xtian Knowledge they were extreamly pleased w.th your readiness and Zeal to promote the Interests of Religion in North Britain; They are very Sensible of the want of the Means of Knowledge in the Highland Countrys, and therefore glad that good Providence has cast so faithfull a Labourer into that part of Christs Vineyard from whose Compassion and Abilities they hope to hear of great improv-

improvements and that the Ignorance and darkness that has so long prevailed there, may at length be dispelled, They pray that the Blessing of God may always accompany your Endeavours for ye advancement of ye Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour.

I told you in my former Letter That the Society by Encouraging the Setting up Charity Schools and dispersing good Books hop'd they had in some measure gain'd Ground against the dissolute practices of the Age, and thereby rendred the Labours of the Clergy for restoring of true Piety more easy & Successfull.

How far the small Tracts they have made use of, for this purpose, may be Calculated for your parts, they do not take upon 'em to determine, but have Ordered me to send a Specimen of their Books so soon as I am inform'd how they may be Safely Conveyed to you; The like Parcell is sent to all their Corresponding Members here, and if they are minded at any time to give some of them amongst their Poor Neighbours, The Society Assist them in obtaining such as they desire at the Cheapest Rates.

You are now looked upon as One related to the Society and therefore they will be Glad to receive from time to time an Acco^t of your Success in Advancing true Christian Piety and will be equally pleased if it may be in their power to remove any difficulties that may Obstruct the Progress of your well intended Services to God and Religion.

I must not Omit to Signifie to you a Standing Resolution of the Society vizt That it be recommended to every Member to Pray to Almighty God for a Blessing on the Consultations & Endeavours of the Society I am S^r very great respect

2. Lett^r. To Mr Robt Baillie. Minister at Invernoss, N. Britain

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Yo^r most Obed^t &

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The Letter to accompany the Abstracts to ye Residing Mem^rs

February 170 8/9.

The Society for Advancing their designs & Information of the Members during their Residence in the Country have Resolved to Communicate to an Abstract of their proceedings quarterly which you may therefore expect from my hands so long as the Society shall Act under that Resolution

Rec^d Ld

The Letter to Accompany ye Abstracts to the Corresponding Mem^bs.

Feby 4 170 8/9

The Society for advancing their Designs & Encouraging their Correspondents have lately resolved to communicate an Abstract of their proceedings to Some of their Correspond^ts Quarterly And because they think it will take up too much of my time to write them all, they have ordered me Sometimes to change the Hands to whom such Acco^ts shall be sent, so that they may oblige Sometimes one Correspond^t thereby & sometimes another As long as the Society shall Act under this their present Resolution.

Examined

In Answer to the Reverend M^r. Tatam's Letter of the 27th January 170 8/9.

Rec^d. Ld

March 17th 170 8/9.

I Received yours the Beginning of the last Month, but could not well send you an Answer to the Several parts of it before now. The Society hold themselves obliged to you Zeal in promoting the Designe of Erecting Libraries for the Poor Clergy in Wales. The Value of which Design they think Does Sufficiently Recommend it self to the Charity of Good People and they hope all Objections rais'd against it may be remov'd by a Bill now depending in Parliament: Which when past will shew the Sense of the Authority concerning this Charity and its care to Recommend and make the same Design Effectuall and in the meantime shews that a Great many Good men are willing to give a Publick Credit as well as private Benefactions to it. The same having past the House of Commons.

As to Charity Schools it has hardly entered into the head of any one to Object against them - and the Society are glad to hear so usefull a Charity is likely to Obtain a lasting Continuance With You and by means of so Bountiful a Benefaction as what you mention; which indeed Depends much upon a prudent Settlement of it: The Land should be Conveyed to Certain Persons on Trust to Employ the Profits thereof for the purpose the Donor Designs in such proportions as the Donor in his Life time and the Trustees after his Death shall think fit; so that they must Agree with a Master as well as they can But at the same time shall remember that if the be not qualified as he should be No great Good can be hoped for the Chief of whose Qualifications should be Piety, Industry, and Ability, and the next to these seems to be that he have no other Employment and some Founders of Charity Schools have made the Minister uncapable of being the Schoolmaster And no inconvenience hath followed thereon. On the other hand a great Benefit hath been reaped by his inspection over the Schoolmaster and the Scholars. That the Design of the School may be effectually answered it will be very proper for your Friend to take the advice of some able Lawyer in the Settlement and declaring the Trusts of it. Nevertheless If you have a mind to see what has been done in this kind the Society will send you a Draught of such a Settlement as they have or they will be willing to give you their thoughts of such as you may get prepared. The whole weight of the affair seems to rest on the Choice of Goodmen for Trustees and Schoolmaster from time to time and then the money will neither be embezled or misemployed One way to keep the affair right will be not to put the management of it in such Persons merely for their being in such & such Offices or places. These are the things I have to say from the Society, And I assure you that I am

Rev. Sir

Your Servant &c.

Read and approved
at the Bd. of March
1709.

Sir.

A Clause to accompany Mr. Disney

Mr. Disney a Worthy Corresponding Member of the Society, having presented some Copies of his Book Entitled An Essay upon the Execution of the Laws against Immorality &c. to the Society, It led them to think it might not be unacceptable to their Correspondents, and therefore the Society have bought some of them to present accordingly, and have sent one to you desiring you to make the best use of it; with the Gentlemen of your Neighbourhood, which they leave to your Prudence, without which hardly any thing can be done as it should be

Approved by the Society
the 31st of March 1709.

Mr. Vaughan at Dolly's

7th April 1709.

Sir.

In Answer to your Favour of the 19th February last. I am first to ask your pardon for delaying an Answer so long, but that part of your Letter which recommended the promoting of Family Devotion was for the importance of it referr'd to the Committee who having many other things under their consideration antecedent to that: I was necessited to wait their report concerning it:

The Society are intirely of your Opinion, that nothing can tend more effectually to restrain the prevalence of Vice, and establish more firmly a Sense of God and Religion among Men, than a Devout use of Family Prayer: the neglect of which has perhaps contributed more than any one thing to the growth of Atheism, and consequently of Immorality and Prophaness of this Age, to say nothing of the Judgment incurr'd by a People that call not upon their Maker: But the manner of doing this so as not to be thought Invaders of the Province, of those that have more immediatly the care of Souls, is what they are concern'd to avoid.

The Method you propose has a very fair Tendency to accomplish it, if the Lords the Bishops will please to direct the putting it in Practice: I am therefore to acquaint you in the Name of the Society, if your Excellent Bishop will give them leave to ~~print~~ Print his Lordships Letter upon that head to His Diocess, they will take care to disperse it in all parts of the Kingdom, together with the Prayers for Families in the Societies Packet.

Jam

I am Order'd to thank you for all your care and trouble about the Carmarthen Library, and to let you know that the Society will punctually reimburse you for the Charge you have been at in fixing of it.

The Books you wrote for shall be sent with the next Packet or before, if you desire it; mean time be assured that I am with great respect

Sir

Approved by the Society the 14th April 1709.

Yo.r &c.

The Rev.d Mr. Collins at Lanvey.

London 23.d April 1709.

Rev.d Sir

In Answer to your favour of the 10.th of March, you will please to observe the Society have no where in their Proposals for erecting Libraries so much as Supposed Ignorance in the Reverend Body, the very End of their Design being as much as in them lies, to prevent such an Imputation, — however some may misconstrue their Intentions, and yo.r Letter has given the first hint of any such misconstruction to the Society.

Their Endeavours are not only approved by the Learned Prelates, whose Names are fixed to the Proposals, but the Wisdom of the Legislature have since thought such a Design ought to have all due Encouragement, and therefore have lately pass'd a Bill to promote the same throughout England and Wales.

The Imputation of Poverty was not thought an Objection when Her Majesties Bounty to the Clergy was settled, and those that would follow the Royal Example, are no more limited to the Quality of their Benefactions, than to the Quantity.

If the Libraries they Erect don't consist of all those Books requisite to make a Man a Compleat Scholar; yet they may be sufficient to furnish a Divine with Knowledge necessary to undertaking a Parochial Charge: And it must be own'd that the Narrowness of their Fund has oblig'd them to content themselves with an Essay, which they hope may occasion an Accession of Many hereafter to make amends for all Deficiencies in the beginning.

However they trust, the Blessing of God will accompany their good Design, that they shall quickly see some Fruits of these their Endeavours, and to His Providence they leave the Issue

I Remain —

Rev.d Sir

Approved of by the Society, 21. April. 1709.

Yor most humble Servant &c

To Edward Bromfield Esq.r at Boston N.E.

London 12.th July 1709.

Sir

Your Letter of the 3.d February last, with the Duplicate directed to Mr. Vanley, has been communicated to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; and the contents of it were so acceptable, that they have order'd me to thank you for them, and to assure you of their hearty congratulations upon all the Successes that have accompanied your Labours for advancing the Interest of our Great Lord and Master; And that no Difficulties have been able to discourage you in the prosecution of your Endeavours to promote a Sense of Religion among those of your Neighbours, who had resign'd themselves up to Stupidity in what concern'd the Glory of their Maker, or their own Eternal Welfare.

The Society think themselves oblig'd to His Excellency the Governo.r for the Countenance he has given to your Endeavours in this Respect; and therefore have desired your Brother Bromfield and Mr. Chamberlayne to signifie their grateful Acknowledgments.

As to Affairs in this Society, I gave you a large Account the 8.th November last, by Captain Foster; when also a Packet of their Books at the request of Mr. Chamberlayne, was comitted to the care of Mr. Dyer; and since that I have sent another Packet from the Society for Reformation of Manners, which I think was recommended to Mr. Belcher's Care in Captain Wentworth's.

Since which I may now add, That the Act of Parliament I then told you of relating to Parochial Libraries is past: And the increase both of Charity Schools and Scholars in Town and Country, gives a Comfortable Assurance that that Design is maintained by the Singular Blessing of God.

The Reverend Dr. Bradford preached the Sermon at the late Anniversary Meeting of the Charity Schools in London which is now in the Press, and shall be sent to you with the large Account of Schools by the first Opportunity, together with such other Accounts as I think may be acceptable to you from

Sir

Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t

A Clause to accompany y.e Welch Com: Pray.s

"The Society present you with a Welch Comon Prayer
"Book as a Specimen of the last Edition, and if you or
"any of your Neighbours should have Occasion for a
"Number of them: I am ordered to acquaint you that the
"Society has taken care, that you shall pay no more for
"them than they did 20 y.rs at Eighteen Shillings p.r Doz.
"or after the same Rate for half a Dozen.

Approved of by the Society
the 28.th April 1709.

A Clause to accompany Mr. Disney's Book, to be dispers'd amongst Her Maj.ty Justices of the Peace.

"Mr. Disney a worthy Corresponding Member of the
"Society, having lately wrote an Excellent Essay upon the
"Execution of the Laws &c. the Society have thought it
"worthy of the Perusal of Justices of the Peace; And have
"therefore sent Three of them to you, desiring you would
"present one of them to the Chairman of the next Quarter Sess.
"in your Neighbourhood, and the other two to such Justices
"as you shall think most proper: Only this you are
"desired not to deliver them when they are upon the Bench
"but in the most private and discreet manner, as
"becomes the Nature of the thing.

Approved by the Society
the 4.th August 1709.

To Grey Neville Esq.

Whitehall 8. Decem.

The Revrend Mr. Shute Treasurer of the Societie for promoting Christian Knowledge, having lately procured an Audit of his Accounts, has laid before the Societie an Account of such Members as are in Arrear for their Subscription; — whereupon they Ordered that such Gentlemen, as were in Arrear above 12. Months, should be acquainted therewith —.

Accordingly I take leave humbly to inform you, that by Mr. Treasurer's Account there are 6. Years of your Subscription due last Michas, and to request you would please to signifie your Intentions concerning it, to —

Sir

Yr. most Obed. humble Servt.

Bartlet's Buildings —
18. January. 1709.

By order of the Societie for promoting Christian Knowledge, I am humbly to acquaint you that they have agreed to have their Anniversary Dinner on Wednesday the 18th. Curt. by 2. of the Clock precisely — afternoon in the Quest Chamber joyning to St. Dunstans Church in Fleetstreet

The Messenger is ordered to wait upon you for 2/6. — towards the Expence of it, and I am —

Sir

Yr. most obed. humble Servt.

To the Revd. Mr. Wm. Carstares Feb. 9th 1710
at Edinburgh.

Revd. Sir.

Mr. Dundas's Letter by order of the Honble. Society in North Britain, for Propagating Christian Knowledge of the 10th. of Jan.y last having been laid before the Society here for Promoting Christian Knowledge they were pleased to order me to acquaint you, that they are very sensible of the Honour that has been done them in Communicating the beginning of that good work your Society is engaged and are heartily glad to hear that an undertaking so charitable is settled in N. Brit. under a Legal Establishm.t As they doubt not of the Zeal of the worthy Members of your Societie to forward so commendable a Design, so they heartily pray to God for a Blessing upon their Endeavours, and hope that by these and such like Methods which are on Foot, we shall see in a few years the Interest of Virtue and Religion considerably advanced.

As to what Mr. Dundas is pleas'd to say in relation to a Correspondence betwen the two Societies, they have directed me to represent to you, that ever since they first form'd themselves into a Society they have studiously endeavour'd to conceal themselves as far as was consistent with the Nature of those Designs in which they are Engag'd, and are convinced by Experience that

that the more they do so, the greater Success they may reasonably hope for; 'tis true indeed they have settled a correspondence in most parts of South Brit. and have the Satisfaction of seeing it extended to several other parts; But as they have never yet gone further than a private Correspondence, so they hope it will not be look'd on as a disrespect, if they, who are only a voluntary Society do not so readily fall in with a Proposal of so Publick a Nature as that of Corresponding with an Incorporated Body; which they apprehend to be inconsistent with that privacy which they have hitherto aim'd at.

It is for this Reason Sir, they have commanded me to give you this Trouble, not doubting but you will represent their good intentions in such a manner that a mutual Love and respect may be maintain'd between the two Societies I am

Rev.d Sir,

Approv'd of by y.e Society. 9.th Feb.r 1709/10

To the Rev.d M.r Baillie
at Invernes in N. Britt.

Bartlet's Buildings in [illegible]
21.th March 1702/10

Reverend Sir

Your Letters of the 19.th & 24.th of Febr.y last came to hand in due time, and have been communicated to the Society here; in the last of which you favoured them with an acceptable account of the progress of your hon.ble Society. They heartily rejoyce in your success, and hope that the zealous endeavours of your Society, may prove instrumental to enlighten those Corners of North Britain that still want the means of Christian knowledge.

vid. infra.

The setting up of Charity Schools is a design so excellent in it self, and so greatly conducive to the propagating of Relig.n especially among the younger sort, that it has met with a general approbation; and even in the midst of an expensive war, such surprising advances have been made therein, as could result from nothing but the signal favour of God accompanying it. The Society with great pleasure observe 'Tis happy for the highlanders that there are so many Gentlemen in their Neighbourhood that have so true a sense of Religion as to think no pains too great to excite it in others.

These words should come in at the hand, above.

the zeal with which you pursue this excellent design, and earnestly pray God would bless your pious endeavours and increase the number of sincere Christians for the advancement of his glory & the good of souls.

The oftener you favour me with your Letters, the more you will oblige the Society; and whatever you direct to me at the Rev.d M.r Shute's in Bartlet's Buildings in London will find me there, and shall be faithfully communicated by

Rev.d Sir

Your &

Approved 20.th March
by the Com.

To the Rev.d M.r Bedford
at Bristol

Bartlets Buildings
4.th April

Reverend Sir

You frequently oblige the Society with Accounts of your progress in charitable Designs; but your last of the 18.th March was so very acceptable, that I am ordered to give you their particular thanks; and to desire you would let M.r Colston (who has laid so many noble foundations) know that Posterity cannot more praise his memory than the Members of the Society esteem him at present, for all the liberal endowments, which he is daily settling for the good of mankind. They pray God to raise up more such generous Benefactors, and thereby engage y.e continuance of his Blessings on this Nation. I am indebted to you for two other Letters, viz.t the Proposal for Printing Books in Hebrew, and that relating to the Marshalsea Prison; both which being matters that require consideration, they are refered to the Standing Committee of the Society; and some progress has been made in both, especially on the latter. The Bp of Winchester has made his reply to the Society; but his Lordship having construed their Request as relating to the Queen's Bench Prison, which is near the Marshalsea, but under a distinct Govern.t, they have given directions to write again to his L.d Bp, and I hope the answer will be such as will be pleasing to your charitable Friend, I am with all possible respect

Rev.d Sir

Your &c.

Approved by the Com.r
3.d of April 1710.

To the Rev.d M.r Gilbert White — 2.d May 1710.
at Selborne in Hampshire

Reverend Sir

I received yours of the 15.th of April, and communicated it to the Society, who have ordered me to acquaint you that the methods used, when a Working = School is erected, are to get sober men or Women, that understand Spinning, Weaving, Sewing, Knitting, mending or making cloaths, or Shoes, to teach the Children certain hours of the day in those faculties; by which means much of the expence of cloathing and mending y.e Cloaths of the Children is saved. And when they have made any proficiency, so that they don't spoil their work, the Overseers or their friends send in Wool & Flax, and have it wrought at such reasonable rates, that they scarce ever want work when once they have acquired a reputation of doing it well. As their Stock increases they get conveniencies for brewing and baking &c. within themselves, whereby they save another considerable article of expense.

The Trustees or Overseers generally appoint their Treasurer or Steward to superintend all these Artificers, who being for the most part an Active Man, has his eye in every corner upon the Management; and to his conduct & diligence is chiefly owing the improvements such a little Community become Masters of. And to his Thrift, and partly to the natural advantages of the adjacent Country it is that the labour of such a School, after it has once gained an Establishment, shall very near intirely support it self, tho' oftener the produce of y.e labour is much less than y.e expence.

But

But to give you a fuller Idea of this matter, I think I can do better, than to lay before you a Summary Account of the profits & disbursments for a School, as it was lately communicated to the Society, by a Corresponding Member at Stamford: his Letter is dated 8th March 1710. Nid: Mr. Turner 2027.

Thus far that Acct

There are printed Accounts of the management of the Work houses at Bristol & Salisbury, which, as I remember, make the Expences & Profits more equal than they are in this Account, occasioned by their admitting adult persons. You can inform Mr Dean what is done in St Marg.t Grey coat Hospital.

N.B. This Paragr. was copyd in Mr. Chamberlayne's Lett.r only.

I may add that the Working Schools in Sea Port Towns are sometimes employed in picking of oakham, &c.

If there be any thing further in my power to satisfie you, be pleased to lay your commands on

Rev.d Sir

Your &c.

Approved by the Committee 31st May 1710.

N.B. Gave a Copy of this Letter to Mr Chamberlayne for Mr Dean Willis 30th June

To the Rev.d M.r Evans of Uffington near Stamford Lincolnsh: 9. May 1710

Reverend Sir

I received your Letter of the 11.th of March and Communicated it to the Society, who have ordered me to let you know, how gratefully they accept your concern & solicitude to promote their designs; but as to what you propose in relation to the Correspondents coming into an annual Subscription, the Societie have ever excused them for the reason mentioned in one of their standing Rules, which is as follows: „ That every „ Resident Member at his admission do pay down a voluntary „ Sum to the Treasurer for the time being; and do also Subscribe „ a yearly Sum (to be paid Quarterly) for carrying on the „ Designs of this Society. But the Corresponding Members may „ attend the Meetings of the Society, without being obliged to „ make such Subscriptions, in regard of the charge they are „ supposed to be at, in promoting the same designs in & about „ the respective places of their abode.

Of which I am ordered by the Society to acquaint 'em, when they are first admitted into their correspondence.

They notwithstanding thank you for your kind Letter, and hope that God will still vouchsafe to raise up means to carry on what his Blessing has hitherto so signally accompanyed, I am

Reverend Sir

Your &c

Approved by the Com.rs
1.st May 1710.

The Postscript to Mr. Davies of Llanvaryn
his 2d. Letter from ye Society.

13th. May. 1710.

Rev.d Sir

I have sent you ye foregoing Letter to let you know what I am directed by ye. Society ordinarily to write to their new Corresponds. but you have happily prevented their advice by falling into the same Methods as they recommend: And as to what Books may be proper to disperse in the case you propose, Mr. Nelson is desir'd to write to you upon that head.

I may add that the Society have been induced to prepare the Proposals accompanying this, in hopes that such of their Corrospondents as are willing to promote ye forming of Societys in the Country, may by this handle gain their Neighbours to associate.

To the Rev.d Mr. Whiston
at Cambridge

Bartlet's Buildings
11th. July. 1710.

Rev.d Sir

The Printed Memorial of the 6th. of June recommended by you was laid before the Society and referr'd to the Committee, who having considered the same were of opinion
" That the Ch: Schools being now in a florishing condition and
" in a likely way with Gods Blessing to encrease as they have
" done considerably for some years past it does not seem ad-
" visable at present to make use of the Methods propos'd for
" That End in the said Memorial: which having been reported to
The Society they approv'd of it & ordered me to acquaint you
Therewith I may add that it was the Sense of Several Gent.
That if the proposal for dispersing the Memorialls were complyed
with they could not conceive how it should be in the power of the
Society

Society's Correspondents to further a Proclamation. The Society are very Sensible of your continued Zeal to promote their designs and thank you for your good intentions herein I am with very great respect

Sr &c

Approv'd by the Comm.a 10th July 1710.
Sent ---------- 11 July ---

To the Reverend Mr. Hooker
at Sandy

Rev.d & Sr

Bartlett's Buildings 8th Aug.t 1710

I receiv'd your Letter of the 1.st Current and communicated it to the Society who were so pleas'd with the Contents of it that they have order'd me to testifie their great Satisfaction in your generous Concern to perpetuate the School at Sandy by an expedient so chargeable to you.

They look upon this as an obligation on themselves as well as those who are to be partakers of your bounty And God grant that this foundation may be as lasting as the objects of Charity in your Neighbourhood where posterity will have reason to call you Blessed. I am also to thank you for distributing the Packets recommended to your care, and shall be glad of an opportunity to give you an Evidence of being

Sr Yr &c.

Approved by y.e Comd: 47th Aug.t 1710

The first Sort Lett.r to Forreign Correspondents.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge have order'd me to acquaint you, That upon the Character they have from of your Piety Charity and Christian Zeal and out of an hearty esteem for you on those Accounts they have chosen you a corresponding Member desiring your concurrence in the prosecution of their designes by such Methods as are Agreable to the Laws of the Country where you Live and the Christian Church in general

I am prevented giving you an History of the Rise of this Society by a printed Account herewith sent to you entituled A Letter from a Resident Member of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge in London to a Corresponding Member ~~to be printed~~ in the Country &c. Wherein

you

you have an account of the rise of this Society as well as of the
others that have been set up of late years in and about London for
promoting (tho' by different Methods) the Practice of true Religion
among us.

Give me leave only to add a few things not mencioned in that
letter: The Society have greatly enlarged their designes
by fixing Correspondencies in most parts of South Britain and in some
parts of North Britain as also in Ireland and beyond the Seas; but I
must acquaint you that the Charges of carrying on these designes are
chiefly defray'd by the voluntary Subscriptions of their Resident
Members, and that according to the Rules of the Society nothing of
that kind is required from their Correspondent Members in regard they are
supposed to countenance and promote the same charitable purposes
where they live.

I need not observe to you the pleasure and advantage
hereby accruing to Good Men by becoming more known and usefull
to one another and how they have a far greater power by the Grace
of God of doing good by their Joynt assistance and Advice than
singly could be expected.

They meet once every week, besides which there is an
Anniversary Meeting of the Society, when they dine together, at
which time there is a Collection for the discharge of poor prisoners
&c.

So far as any of the designes of the Society are thought
practicable in your Country, they hope you will upon all occasions
promote them there.

They have Ordered a Specimen of such books as they usually
dispose among their Correspondents to be sent to you that you may
the better judge of the Nature of their Design and the feasibleness
of what is hereby recommended.

P. S.

They hope to hear from you as occasion presents concern-
ing what I have now wrote, as also of the State of the
Protestant Religion in the Country where you are: They
desire to be recommended in your prayers to Almighty God for
a Blessing on their Consultations and Endeavours
Wherein give me leave to beg you would be pleas'd to
include (the most unworthy)

Sr Yrs &c.

Approved by the Society 17th Aug.

16th Sept. 1710.

To the Rev.d M.r Wheeler
at Glocester.

Rev.d S.r I am to thank you for your favour of the 21 Curr.t which I communicated to the Soc. at their last Meeting the intention of which letter was to excite the puting in practice what the most Rev.d A Bp. of Cant.r has long sins recommended in his Circular letter to the Clergy of this province but as to the manner of regulating the Meetings of the Clergy and the Societies other Corresponding Members they will (tis hoped) naturally fall into proper rules and Methods for promoting so good a design and perhaps such as may be thought convenient in one place may not be so in another, therefore the less Gent.n are confind in this point the freer they may be to go about it. The Society here would not be thought to expect much less to require an Account of the Proceedings at such meetings than as it may be in their power to promote them. As to the Obtaining her Maties Licence &c.a Since the A. Bp. has publickly recommended such Meetings to the Clergy and other Sober persons for the erecting Charity Schools and advancing the Interests of Religion they seem to be thereby sufficiently warrant to do it. I would have sent to you a copy of His Graces Excellent Circular Letter but tis out of Print and w.th some difficulty the Society Obtain'd one for his Graces use to revise in order to a new Impression, which I shall be glad to send you whenever it is in my power. If you please to remember I had none of D.r Bray's Bibliotheca Paroch.l by me but what had my Mark denoting them as belonging to the Paroch. Libra.l for w.ch reason you did not write your name in one but D.r Bray promis'd to send me one without that Mark w.ch I haint yet received, he's now in Warwickesh.: but I hope will return before I shall be able to send Hanley Library away tho' I stay only for a new Edition of Bp Pearson on y.e Creed to Compleat it.

This Sh.d not ha been copy'd

approv'd by y.e Com.rs 11.th Sep.r

To the Reverend Mr. Pye att Monmouth —

16th Sep: 1715.

Reverend Sir

I receivd yours of the 19th and 28th of August both which so far as related to ye Society were communicated to them and they are very much pleasd with your Resolution, Constancy, & Success under the Difficulties you have met with upon the Score of Charity Schools. The Calumny you mention was I believe the first, ~~I believe~~ upon the design of Charity Schools that ever was heard of in the Society, and I am well satisfyed is altogether groundless. I hope the Author of this unchristian Reflection who ever he be will Live to be Convinc'd that they are the best friends to Religion in general, and to the Church of England in particular who wish all may be taught from the greatest to the least.

If Poverty and meanness in the children of Charity Schools were a Sufficient reason to justifie the neglect of 'em Moses him self might have been left to perish on the Stream, and Pharaohs Daughter instead of acting a generous part had acted very imprudently. But can they need to be vindicated who have above 10. Thousand Live Advocates, in this Island to gainsay those that Causelessly reproach em, and may their Number still Encrease as till ye knowledge of God shall cover the Earth The waters cover the Sea.

Part of this Letter was communicated to the Com: and they left to W. to finish & forward it. 11th Sep^r.

Reverend Sir Whitehall 27th. September 1710

The Society having agreed to recommend a Proposal for Encouraging an Impression of the New Testament in Portuguese to be dispersed in the East indies, Several worthy Members have consented that their Names might be used at the bottom thereof as Receivers of Charity for that purpose; and that all parts Quarter of the City and Suburbs might be accomodated with one they have had regard to nominate persons accordingly and I am ordered to reqt you would give leave to insert your Name among them.

I ought to acquaint you that besides Parchment Roles for Subscriptions, the Proposal is to be Printed and annexed to the 2d. part of the Propagation of the Gospel in the East, where only it is intended the Receivers Names shd be inserted. If you please to direct your Answer to me here, it will be duly communicated by

Sir
your &c. Henry Newman

NB. This Letter was sent to several Members to desire their consent to be named in ye Proposal &c. as above.

To Sr Humphry Mackworth

Whitehall 24th. octobr 1710.

Honoured Sir

The Revd. Mr. Shute having lately procured an Audit of his Account as Treasurer of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge and it being a Standing Rule, "That an Account of all Arrears due to the "Society be after each Audit laid before the Society; And that such "Members as shall be found in Arrear above four Quarters ye Secry "shall give them notice thereof.

I take leave therefore most humbly to inform you That by Mr. Treasurers Account there are Twelve Quarters of your Subscription due last Michas and to request you would please to signifie your Intention therein to. Sr

your most obedt. Humble Servant

Henry Newman.

Reverend Sir

Bartlets Buildings –
London Octob.r 24. 1710.

The Society are concerned to find by your Letter of the 7.th current that you have not an opportunity of dispersing the books they sent to you

However tho' you seem to intimate that it is not in your Power to serve them therein They hope you will use your Endeavours to promote their designs by all the other way's you can, and that they shall have the continuance of yo.r Prayers.

I am

S.r your most humble Servant

Approv'd by y.e Com: 23.d Octob.r

Henry Newman

P.S. To M.r Warren of Worlington Suff. in y.e D. Gen.l Letter.

As to what you desire to be inform'd The Society have not any particular Prayer appointed to be used by their Absent Members, tho' upon the hint your Letter gave They would have been very well pleas'd, if the Bps who are Members of y.e Society might be prevaild with to draw one up, but in lieu thereof I have sent herewith a Copy of the Collects used by the Society at their Weekly meetings, and think it proper to acquaint you that one of their Standing orders is as follows Viz.t

That no Business be begun till the Devotions agreed upon by the Society are performd, and if the day of meeting happens to be on a Holy Day, the Collect for the Day shall be added to the Prayers, and that the Secretary do then put the Society in mind of this order.

Honoured Sir

I beg your pardon if the Copys of Mr Cocks Settlement don't come to your hand so soon as you expected them, The reason of this delay of them was I waited for some 3d person to come to see me with whom I could be so free as to desire his help to compare them.

Now I hope your trouble about the 42 Parochial Libraries is over you will excuse my laying before you the Catalogues of such Benefactions both to the Welch Libs for St Asaph and Cowbridge, as I supposed could be approved of, and to request your Assistance in Dispatching them —

There are about twice as many more books left but they are such Rubish as are scarce worth Carriage to any part of Gt Britain and even some of these will want binding before they will be fit to be sent. The Committee approved of all, but Mr Moller having objected ag! Bp Davenants works on shelf B. in St Asaph Libr. and shelf G. in Cowbridge Librarie I was ordered to put a q. only ag! those books.

I have sent also the Theolog. Schemes and Catalogues that was formerly recommended to the Comittee for a Rule in preparing the publick

Mr Shute has about 70 lb in his hands to answer your Demands for new books.

These Books about half fill the 2 Libraries, each Library having 4 Cases or Presses.

I wish it were in my power to avoid giving you this trouble, or that I were capable of making it less to you

If possible I should be glad to send em away before the Roads are impassable - I am

Sr &c &c M. N.

I can't get Dr Barrow yet of Mr Worrall by reason as he says some sheets are wanting in y Copies he had

The Revd Mr. Ayres in Newington Berks. Pobj Franc. Woolmer Esqr

a Copy of Mr. Chamberlains Letter

Revd Sir

Your Letter of the 25th. Octobr. last has been read at ye Society and is put into my hands to answer, since which time I hear that you have been in Town and I should have been very glad to have seen you here where you us'd to call sometimes.

Sir as to those Gentlemen you recommend for Correspondts &c, I am to inform you that the Society will readily admit them upon your Credit who they are assured would not name any improper person to them, but I must further acquaint you that they have already a Compotent number of Correspondents both in your & the adjacent County of Wilts, and therefore do avoid multiplying Correspondentes in other Counties in the like Circumstances because it only Creates new trouble to them and their Secretary and no manner of Advantage to the Good Cause in which they are embarkt, but circumstances may make the Case different, & you may perhaps have some particular reasons for Recommending the worthy Persons mention'd in your Letter; let me therefore know your reasons freely and upon ~~the~~ strictest condition of concealing all of them if you think it necessary; In the mean time I can't but observe one Qualification yt belongs to ym all & which you seem to mention as laying some stress upon it, & indeed so you may especially if joyn'd with Goodness & other necessary Qualities, it is to be as they are all Rich men, & disposed to make a Right use of their Riches &c: why therefore then did they not be chosen Resident members & Contributy something annually towards ye Support of our designs which is what we want very much? Sound them but with great Caution & Prudence, & as for your own Hond tho' I dare assure you yt. if they will come in upon that Foot they will be very welcome, I shall not trouble you further only should be glad to know what becomes of y. noble Benefaction given in Charity by a Citizen of London to yo Parish &c. &c. &c. - - -

To Mr Vaughan at Derlys. Watlets Buildings 25 Nov. 1710.

Sir

The Society have taken into consideration your Proposal of admitting two worthy Clergymen in your Neighbourhood into their Correspondence; And it being observ'd that there are already with your self five corresponding Members in your County and that the encrease of them in other parts of the Kingdom has very much Augmented the Annual Expence of the Society sometimes without any Apparent advantage yet they have so great a Confidence in you who have all along exprest so much zeal in promoting their designs that they have order'd me to send you the Names of those Gentlemen that are at present their Correspon. in Carmarthenshire, and to request you would be pleas'd to signify by some little Mark against their Names who of them are most Active to promote ye good work they are ingag'd in, and that they will then proceed to determine themselves concerning ye Admission of those Gent. you last recommended.

As to what you propose of applying to the present Bp of St Davids to publish the late Bps intended Circular letter to his Clergy. The Society have always been very tender of doing any thing that might look like dictating to the Reverend Clergy, and espetially those that are dignified with an Episcopal Character, and therefore tho' they should be very glad to see a Letter from ye present Bp. on the Subject of what is recommended in that of his Predecessor yet they cannot think it would be proper for them to address his Lordsp to do it in the manner you propose being a Matter of so nice a Nature. Notwithstanding, when they have the honour to be better known to his Lordship and a convenient opportunity shall offer, they may desire him to recomend the several particulars in the late Bps letter in such manner as his Lordship shall think fit

A List of Corresponding in Carmarthenshire beside Mr Vaughan.

Mr Edmd Meyrick at Carmarthen.
Mr Thomas Thomas at Do - -
Mr Jno Philipps at Carmarthen
Mr Jho. Philipps Vicr of Laugharne

approv'd by ye Com: 20th Novr

I am with very great respect S^r yor &c.

H. N.

The Malabarick Proposal succeeds very well hitherto.

To the Said Lord of Hastings Admonition - } Whitehall 2. Dec. 1710.

Revd Sir

In a Conference I lately had with a Lawyer who has been instrumentall to take some publick Charities out of oblivion that were misapplyed I told him your case, so much as I know of it, and he has furnished me with the following Queries to be Answerd by you viz! Who gave the Charities and when, and what provision was made for the payment of them

For what Uses the same was given who were made Trustees Whether Dead or Living, and if Dead to whom ye Trust devolves.

Who are in possion of the Lands or Money?

Whether the Charity was given by Will or Deed? If by Will where prov'd

The Premisses being known, send the Names of those that are in present possion and where the Lands are who are Tenants or Occupiers thereof. Those will furnish Instructions sufficient for drawing an Information in the Attorney Generals Name, to call the Violaters to an Account and to have the Charity Establish'd for the future ~~for the~~ according to Intent of the Donor.

The Charges of which will be Decreed out of ye Charity unless my Lord Chancellor does cause to saddle the Violaters with the Cost. I am as above &c.

J H.

To the Ton.ble the Court of Directors of the United East India Company of England.

May it please your Honrs

The great Success with which it hath pleased God to bless the Endeavours of the Danish Missionaries for propagating the Gospel at Tranquebar on the Coast of Coromandel, has excited the Zeal of Several well disposed Persons to contribute to their Assistance in so pious an undertaking, and the Society for promoting Christian knowledge have particularly recommended this affair to their Members and acquaintance.

This Design has through Gods Blessing so far prospered that by the charitable Benefactions already collected A Printing Press and 500. weight of Roman Types with other necessary Utensils and 100. Rheam of Paper, as also a Printer are provided in order to be sent to India for Printing & dispersing of Helps & Scriptures in a Language understood in those parts; However the Society presuming that the Portuguese as Spoke in Europe may be understood in India have agreed for a Tryal to send thither 500 Copies of St Mathews Gospel in that Language to answer their present necessity.

I am therefore directed by the said Society humbly to apply to your Honours, and request that you would be pleased to grant Freight and Passage free, to the aforesaid Goods and Mr. Jonas Finck the Printer, on board the Fleet now bound to the East Indies, and if it may be consistent with the Interest of the honourable Company, on the Ship called the Jane Frigot.

Your condescention to this Request will highly oblige the Society, and the rest of the Contributors to this Charitable work.

Whitehall 8th Decr 1710. H. N. Sec.

Mr Wooley Secry to
E. Ind. Compa.

Cy. 12 Decr 1710

Sir

This accompanys a Copy of the Addres left with you last Week with an Addition of one Small Parcel which I hope will not render it less acceptable to the Honble Comp. You will please therefore to Supply the other Copy and give me leave to kiss your hands Remain Sir Yor &c ——— A M ———

To the Rev.d Mr Casares
Chaplain at Edinb. College —

Bartlets Buildings London
12.o December 1710 —

Reverend Sir

Your Letter of the 23 Novem.r and the Memorial that accompany'd it were communicated to the Society who are of Opinion that the Subject Matter there of being of so publick a concern, it is not within the Compass of their Designs, but in order to their doing the best Service they can in this affair, they have directed a Copy of it to be transmitted to the Bishop of Waterford in Ireland who is a Member of the Society that his Lord.p may be able to Communicate it to the Popish Kingdom, which I hope will have a due Effect.

As to the Proposal for Promoting Subscriptions to encourage the Missionaries at Malabar in the East Indies, I did not send it to you by any direction from the Society here, tho' I thought the News of what was doing in those parts would not be unacceptable and submitt it to you to make what use you please of it. I am glad now to acquaint you that this Matter has been so well encouraged that the Society have Contracted for a Printing Press 500 Weight of Roman Types with Utensils &c belonging thereto two Reams of Paper and a Printer to be ready to go to India in the next Fleet. And since they are informed that the Portuguese Spoke in Europe is much different from that Spoke in the Indies, they will Content themselves with sending only 500 Copies of Saint Matthews Gospel in the former by the Fleet now going & wait for a Correct Coppie from India according to the Portuguese

Spoke

spoke there in case the other be not sufficiently understood by them they proceed further in an Impression of ye New Testament.

A Malabarick Press is preparing in Germany to be sent by these Missionaries, but it will be some time before it can arrive in the Indies there being no Danish Ships designd thither this year.

The Society will be very well pleasd to hear of the success of your Undertakings in North Britain and thank you for Communicating your last Advices to S^r

Your Most Obed^t Humble Servt S.N.

To the R^t Revd Father in God the L^d Bp. of Waterford - at Dublin

Bartlets Buildings in London the 20 Decr 1710.

My Lord

I am Order'd by the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge to transmitt a Copy of the Memorial accompanying this to yor Lordship together with a Copy of Mr Carslares's Letter so far as relates to it. The Subject Matter thereof being of so Public a concern the Society were of opinion it was not within the compass of their Designs, but that your Lordship is the best Judge what is proper to be done in this affair.

As for the affairs of the Society, beside the common course of their Proceedings, by Distributing good Books &c they have recommended a Proposal for Printing the New Testament in Portuguese (a Copy of which I now cover) and it has met with so good encouragement that they are now sending to India pursuant to the Proposal a Printing Press 500. weight of Roman Types, with the Utensils &c belonging thereunto 100. Rheam of Paper and 500. Copies of St Mathews Gospel in Portuguese being all that could be got ready to go by this Fleet; and the East India Compa. upon application from the Society have generously granted Freight free on board the Annamzebe. The Society are also sending a Printer to take care of these things & to render them more effectual for ye Service they are intended.

The first part of ye Acco^t. of ye Propagation of ye Gospel in ye East wch I gave your Lopp. of the undertaking was. I believe published before yor Lopp. left England; There is now publish'd a 2^d part of y^t Acco^t. ye perusal of wch I'm sure will be acceptable to yor Lopp. & therefore I should be glad to know how to convey it together with such other things as have been lately emitted by the Society. I humbly beg yor Lopps Blessing & remain with all possible respect My Lord

yor Lopps &c

S.N.

in Hatton Garden

Whitehall 27. Dec. 1709

Hon.d Sir

I am ordd humbly to remind you of the Subscription Roll for encouraging the Rev.d Mr. Rawlins as Chaplain at the Marshalsea Prison; He began to officiate there last Midsomer, and the Society hope that in consideration of the Expence he has been at the worthy promoters of it will please to allow their Subscriptions to commence from that time. I am

S.r your &c A.N.

To the Rev.d Mr. Lewes at Fort St. George in the East Indies - - - -

London 4th January 1710.

The great Character that has been given of your Piety and Learning and of your Zealous endeavours to promote the Xtian Religion where you now are, hath induced a considerable Body of the Reverend Clergy and Laity, who have entered into a Society for promoting Xtian Knowledge in these parts, to chose you one of their corresponding Members.

As the Church of Christ is a Body made up of many Members of which he himself is the ever Blessed Head animating the whole & every Member in particular, So any one that is truly become a Member of this Body, cannot but be livelily affected whenever the Body it self grows up into a fuller Measure of the Stature of the fulness of Christ. No less ought a Christian to rejoyce when he sees the Church Universal gaine more Ground even from those, who all along have been its enemys, being by these new accessions enabled to weaken more and more the opposite powers of Sin and Darkness

Particularly hath he reason to rejoyce to hear that the Dry Bones of that Vast Paganism, begin to be blown upon by the Spirit of the Lord, and the pure Light of the Gospel to shine among Heathens.

The Society hope that by settling a correspondence with you & other good men, by Xtian advice, & Joynt endeavours the work of Reformation may be carryed on the more successfully both on your and our side.

I am prevented giving you a large Account of the Rise and

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Progress of Immorality, and the Success (by Gods Blessing) hath attended their designes by some Printed Books herewith Sent to you; wherein you will See the Nature of this Society & Several others set up of late years in and about London for promoting the practice of true Religion among us -

The Gentlemen of the aforesaid Society don't question that as far as any of the Designs mentioned in those Books are thought practicable in your parts, you will upon all occasions endeavour to promote them.

But not to leave you altogether without giving you a Small Sketch of the designs of these Societies, you may observe that the first of these Societies is known under ye Name of Religious Societies having been set up for these 30 years past, and this chiefly among the younger sort of People who meet on certain days to read the Holy Scripture and to Edifie one another by Singing, Praying, and by religious conferences

These Societies which were begun at first by a Small handfull of young Men under the pious direction of some eminent Divines are at present encreas'd to about 40, in Number in & about London, So true it is that the younger Sort of people give the most promising hopes of Receiving a Sense of Sound Piety & Religion, the old ones being too inflexible & too apt to take up in a punctual performance of some lifeless ~~per~~formalities; But of these Societies I will forbear to say any more since the account published by the Reverend Dr Woodward on that behalf will give you a fuller insight into all the Circumstances thereof. And these Societies more immediatly relating to the promoting of piety hath prov'd the foundation of Several others Sprung up afterwards.

The Society for Reformation of manners was erected for encounting with the more open Vice and Debaucheris of the age. Many even of the Superior Magistrates & Clergy have incourag'd this Institution, which in future ages is hop'd will be bro.t to farther Maturity.

Tis true that such an Establishment as this is restrained chiefly the most notorious offenders from the pursuit of their dissolute course by the Severity & Discipline of Laws But as the Law is for such Stuborn offenders in order to give

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check to this profligate manner by severer Laws & punish
So 'tis hop'd that in time some will be raisd to put ye top stone
to a Work so happily begun, and by tempering the Law with
the Gospel Lay open the power of Christ which is able to destroy
those works which the Law restraind, and by the Infusion of
a principle of Grace, not only reform the manners, but the very
heart too; and thus bring every thing at last to a true Evangel-
lical Spirit of Love, which is alone the productive principle
of all manner of Vertues and good works.

The Society for promoting Xtian knowledge is chiefly concernd
about two things. The first is the setting up Charity Schools for the
Instruction of poor children in the knowledge of Xtian Religion.
A considerable progress has been made in these Schools within
the compas of a few years, so that in London and within Ten
English Miles thereof, there are now 100 Charity Schools, in w^ch
are taught above 2400 Boys and more than 1331 Girls, most
of the Children being cloathed: But if you take in all England
they are encreasd to near 500 Schools, in which are about 12000
poor children taught, many being cloath'd, some also wholy
maintain'd.

The Second design of this Society, is the dispersing of Religious
Books especially among the poorer sort of People, abundance of
poor Families have by these means been provided wth Bibles,
prayer books, and other peices of practical Christianity. Many
of these Books have been printed at the Charge of the Society at
London, and recommended up and down in the Country for
reviving a Sense of Piety among all sorts of people.

The Society have made your packet the larger, that you
may be able when opportunity presents, to send such of the
Books as you shall judge proper, to the Reverend Mr Watson
at Bombay, and the Rev. Mr Anderson at Bengal who are also
chosen corresponding Members of the Society, and you are
desired at the same time to forward the Letters to them herewith
sent to you.

But before I conclude I must touch at the fourth Society Set
up in England, and that is the Society for Propagating the Gospel
in the West Indies. It is managed by Persons of the Greatest
Character in church and State, and it may prove in time helpfull
for Scattering the Seed of the Gospel both in the East and in the
West. And as many Gentlemen both of this and other Societys
Cant but highly approve of the attempts made of late by

Some Danish Divines at Tranquebar (a matter you are undoubtedly acquainted with,) so they hope that these endeavours may inspire in hime our own Nation with a Zeal for attempting the same in such factories as belong to the East India Company of Great Britain; and we have reason to thank God, that even now some publick Spirited persons among us are sincerely inclined for promoting so glorious a work as the propagation of the Gospel among the Infidels is. They have not only chosen, the aforesaid Danish Ministers for Corresponding Members, but have also made among their friends a considerable Collection for Purchasing a Printing Press, and other necessarys, and for publishing thereby such Peices of Divinity as the Ministers settled at Tranquebar shall think fit.

The Society desire to be recommended in yr Prayers to Almighty God for a Blessing on their Endeavours wherein give me leave to beg you would be pleased to include (Sr most unworthy)

Rev.d Sr yr

Please to direct yr Answer to me at Mr Henry Hoares at ye Golden bottle in Fleet Street. London.

The Society having chose M.r Ziegenbalgh & M.r Plutscho at Tranquebar Corresponding Members they hope you will at occasion offer to cultivate a Correspondence with them. M.r Jones

Finch goes hence in ye Jane Frigate with a Press 600. wt of Letter Paper 100. Ream of Paper & 345 ℔ of Spanish Dollars towards the Missions those Missionaries and I am to request you to favour him with your advice how to transport himself to Tranquebar as he shall desire by the way, the Ship

To M.r Wooley

Whitehall 15 Janry 1710

Sr

It not being Customary for the Captains of the East India Ships to give Bills of Lading. The Gentlemen concerned in promoting yr Charity with the Hon.ble East India Company have lately so generously encouraged, would acknowledge it as a great condescention if the Company would please to give directions that in case of M.r Jonas Finches Death, the Printing press Utensils, Paper, Peices of Eight &c Ship'd in his name on board the Jane Frigat for yr Protestant Missionaries at Tranquebar may be deliver'd to Wm Jennings Esq.r one of the Council for the Company, and to yr Rev.d M.r Lewis at Fort St George, or to their order Joyntly or Severally, to be sent to the Rev.d M.rs Ziegenbalgh, & M.r Plutscho, at Tranquebar by the first fair opportunity from Fort St George

this if it may please the Company to recommend the Protestant Interest in India to the Protection and Countenance of Colonel Harrison and other Gentlemen as Comand in those parts, it will be also esteemed as a singular favour.

With many thanks to you for your civilities upon this occasion I remain with the utmost respect

To the Rev.d M.r Ziegenbalg & M.r Plutscho, Missionarys at Tranquebar

S.r yo.r &c. A. N.

Londini. 4.to die Januar. V.S. 1710.

Viri Reverendi,

Si multos in Europa, quibus Pietas Cordi Curaq. est, invenistis Admiratores, laborumq. vestrorum in Oriente ad Propagationem Evangelii tendentium æstimatores: Anglorum certe singularem iniistis gratiam, quam primum ipsis progressuum vestrorum typis impressa Narratio innotuit. Sicuti enim vera Servatoris nostri Ecclesia Corpus est multis constans membris, quorum ipse Princeps est et caput, totam Corporis Structuram, imo unam quamque Ejusdem partem Solido vigore animans jugique virium Spiritualium influxu corroborans — Sic quoque unumquodque Corporis hujus membrum non potest non intime lætari, quum totum Corpus ad ampliorem Mensuram staturæ Christi excrescere percipit. Neque minus sanæ Pietatis Cultor gaudebit, cum deprehenderit exsiccata quasi Ethnicorum ossa, Vitæ et Spiritu cœlesti destituta ad vitam iterum commoveri Sanctiori Dei Spiritu, pulsisque prophanis Superstitionum Nebulis ad Serenam Evangelij lucem recipiendam disponi.

Hac de causa Societas de Cognitione Jesu Christi in Anglia propagatrice Nomen sortita, non tantum vestrum ad promovendum in Oriente Evangelium ad probavit studium, sed et considerando Zelum quem in prosequendo hoc quod in cœpistis negotio exercuistis — tractemus, membra vos Elegit Societatis ut Vocant, Correspondentia; Spe freta, fore, ut mutuo ejusmodi Litterarum Commercio, —

Christianis

above mentioned was recommended in a Letter from the L.d Justices to the Care of Mr. Jennings and Self.

Christianis Monitis junctaque operâ opus Domini plus ultra in dies — extendi possit. Superfluum equidem existimo, ut Societatis hujus — primordia, feliciaque, quæ obtinuit incrementa, vobis enarrando — prolixus sim, quum ex libris hac ipsa occasione missis, tum hujus — tum aliarum intra paucos annos inceptarum Societatum Naturam — atque ac ordinem noxumque satis superque addiscere possitis./

Nullatenus autem memoratæ modo Societatis membra dubitant quin pia illa proposita et Consilia ibi suppeditata, quoad instituti Ratio permiserit, in vestra etiam Regione ultro promoveri velis./

Ne tamen nihil plane dixisse videar, sufficiat mihi vel Verbo coeptum in magna Britannia Reformationis opus hic attigisse./

Si vero aliquæ inserviunt Societates, quæ junctis mentibus manuque ad commune Malorum præsidium, tam impio, quo vivimus, — Seculo, restinguendum, concurrunt. ad unum omnes feruntur — Scopum, diversis tamen viis, Nonnulli ea obstacula, quæ causæ — Religionis obsunt, removere conantur, ut alij in instaurando — solidioris Pietatis Fundamento, minus difficultatis inveniant.

Prima harum Societatis Religiosæ salutata Nomine Triginta — abhinc et quod excurrit, annis primum fuit incepta, a Juvenilis — præsertim ætatis hominibus, qui statis diebus ad perlegendas — Sanctas Litteras, et ad seipsos invicem hymnis, precibus piisq; — Colloquiis ædificandos Convenichant. Huic Societati ab exigus — Juvenum Numero institui coepta, tam prosperos temporis progr — Divinum Numen dedit successus, ut earum quadraginta jam — Numerentur Londini locisq; adjacentibus aliis. Adeo verum est

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quod in vestris etiam observatis Litteris, Juvenilem citius etatem ad bonos mores formari, quam senilem. quippe qua, dum solos justo mere externa et exercitia Religionis forma adhaeret, ad saniores Veritatis gustum adduci egre sepatitur.

De hac vero Societate plura in presenti facere Verba supersedeo, postquam Vir Reverendus Dn: D. Josias Woodwardus speculiari libello Anglice exarato, qui in Germanico etiam idiomate publice prostat, Ejusdem rationem, Ordinem, ac Instituta uberius tradidit.

Ex hac deinceps Societate, qua in ipsum Pietatis studium proxime ac precipue fertur, alie adhuc nate sunt Societates eidem intenta fini, diversis licet Nominibus insignita. Alia harum Societatum in seculi Moribus emendandis, alia in promovenda Jesu christi cognitione, occupata est. de qualibet paucis sigillatim. prima erecta fuit, quo communi vitiorum contagio seculi hujus indies in pejus mentis, aliqua medela adhibeatur, Et ut dicamus quod res est; Multi ex ipsis Regni proceribus cum alijs viris Episcopali etiam dignitate conspicuis, operam suam negotio huic ultro addixere, Et licet vel maxime fateamur, quod per ejusmodi Constitutiones effreni saltem ac enormi peccandi libidini obviam catur, adhibita subinde severiore legum disciplina. Spes tamen est, fore, ut alij operi tam bene coepto Suprenam imposituri sint manum, temperando Legis Rigorem lenitate Evangelij, et deducendo ad ipsas divini amoris semitas, peccatores, quos ante, infecto Legis freno, coercere necesse erat, Et hoc demum ordine fiet, ut non modo depravati corrigantur mores, sed ipsum etiam Cor, ipsaeq; interiores animae facultates spontaneo divinae gratiae principio imbuta, exterius agenti varia dein

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Vana opera, vere Christiana digna Societas de Viva Christi Cognitione
Nomen suum derivans duplicem praecipue finem sibi habet praefixum
Unus horum in eo est, ut Scholae hinc inde in usum pauperum, benevolentia
aliorum libere ad hoc oblata, constituantur hae in re pauperum Annorum
Spatio ingentes facti sunt progressus ita, ut vel saltem Londini locisque
vicinis alijs 100 Scholae numerentur, in quibus Junior aetas utriusque
Sexus in Pietate probisque moribus eruditur Puerorum numerantur
2480 circiter, puellarum vero 1331, vestes etiam ipsae tam his quam illis
maximam partem gratis Erogantur a Patronis. Sed si de Universo Magnae
Britanniae Regno sermonem 500 fere in eo deprehenderitis Scholas; assiduo hujus
Societatis Studio in communem Patriae usum Stabilitas. In his ultra 12000
liberorum gratis educantur: Multi patronorum benignitate vestiantur,
nonnullis etiam de omnibus ad vitam necessarijs prospicitur.

Sed ut alterum etiam hujus Societatis finem attingam, scire vos velim, in
eo hinc versari, ut catechetici libelli, aliaque praxim praecipue pietatis urgentes,
quorum plurimi hujus Societatis impensis prodierunt dispergantur ubique
Salutique praecipue pauperum, quoad licet, iisdem consulatur. Hoc modo plures
familiae quibus ob angustam Domi rem largam librorum supellectilem comparare
non licebat, sacris Biblijs precum libellis aliisque tractatibus asceticis instructae
fuere. Et quoniam Societas haec ex litteris vestris accepit eadem vos instituisse
via, diversosque in Idioma Malabaricum transfudisse tractatulos ad verum
Christianismum spectantes, non potest, non una vobiscum ad
probare tam utile propositum, ac uberiorem Numinis Divini Benedictionem
Coeptis vestris apprecari. Diuturno enim rerum usu deprehensum est,
adminiculum hoc ad propagandum non sacrae pietatis studium summopere in
Europa conduxisse. Sed cum non sine causa conquerantur de Simplibus in
Transcribendos ejusmodi Libros impendendis, opulentes, ut ope preli typographici
omnibusque ad hoc necessarijs, difficultates hasce superare tandem queatis:
Memorata modo Societas toto hoc Negotio bonis Viris de meliore commendato, tantum
Argenti impetravit, ut non prelo solum Latino omnique ad hoc requisito
apparatu, sed et super addita Quinquaginta Librarum Anglicanarum Summa
subvenire vobis potuerit, nihil magis in votis habeo, quam ut ii, qui ad
hoc opus tam liberali Contributorum manu, de Beneficio jam collato
non tantum gaudere queant, sed et ampliorem hinc nanciscantur occa-
sionem, bona sibi concessa in communem aliorum, praecipue Ethnicorum,
usum, eo liberius conferendi. —

Ante autem quam finem scribendi faciam de quarta in Anglia Societate,
quae propagando Evangelio in partibus transmarinis operam navat, vel
verbulum adhuc adjicere liceat. Et haec ad similitudinem vestri in Oriente

laboris quàm proxime accedit. Vires vobis enarrare possumus hanc ad Ecclesiam, quae Politia ad Gubernacula sedentes, qui honori sibi ducunt, illustri huic Religionis . . propagandae operi incumbere. Hinc autem praesagire licet magnum emblum eventum ad Ecclesiam tam Orientalis, quam Occidentalis, suo tempore esse redituram si divinae, ut speramus, providentia istiusce pono secundaverit inceptis. —/

Et haec in praesenti de Studio Anglorum in arduo Reformationis Negotio, manuisse sufficiant. Vos vero, Reverendi Viri serena fronte hanc narrationeulam ad fulcienda Literaram commerciium invitationem, accipite. Caleat vobis addantur qua Oxonii in Anglia conatus. eo alacrius ad metam vobis positam desproperetis, quo plures in eodem Stadio currentes, desprehendetis. Nolite abjicere animum, si vel aperta Vestri adgrediatur, vel secretis machinis insidiis struat communis animarum hostis qui nihil intentatum relinquit, ut opus Domini in ipsa, quod ajunt, herba et prima quasi in fantica flore suffocet. Veritas semper Victrix evadit, et si vel maxime prematur; opprimi tamen nullo modo potest. Sit Victoria vestra in humilitate Christi, et Catholicus Amor patientiâ vos ut Clypeo muniat, circundet, protegat, quo omnia tandem adversariorum Tela frangantur./

Placuit Societati de propaganda Christi cognitione Ministros Ecclesiae Anglicanae — viriorum Du. Lewis, Du. Anderson & Du. Watson ad idem literarum vel Correspondentiae, si ita loqui licet, Commercium, invitare; quorum ille in urbe Madras, iste in Bengal, hic autem in urbe Bombay Ecclesiae quae Christo ex nostra Natione — Collegitur, praest. Exoptat laudata Societas, ut Vos Reverendi Viri amicitia — cum his Anglicanae Nationis pastoribus inita, in propagandum in Oriente Evangelium sedulo utrinque incumbatis, adeoque mutuo auxilio consilioque subveniatis vobis proximis. Id quod Societatis jussu dictis Ecclesiae Ministris significatum est.
Nobilis quaedam Famina ex singulari erga vos Studio decem Libras Britannicae — monetae ad promovendam rem quam gravissimam, elargita est. Du. Gubernator Castelli Fort St. George (Harison ipsi nomen est) cujus fidei haec pecunia summa concredita est, Rand gravabitur exhibita hac nota cambiali a me manu vestra signata prompte illam — vobis numerare, postquam felix in India Orientali appulit. —/

Valete in Domino. Divina vos tutela commendo permansurus.

Viri Reverendi

Nominis vestri

Studiosissimus

Henricus Newman

Societatis Secretarius

Londini d. 4. V. S
Januar 1710.

P. S. Epistolae vestrae ad me sequenti modo signari vel inscribi possunt.

For Mr. Henry Newman at Mr. Henry Hoare's in Flicet Street — London

P. S. Cum publicis Regni Statutis prohibitum sit, magnae Britanniae character signatam Monetam ad exteros exportari; convorti curavit Societas decem Librarum cujus supra facta est mentio, in argentum Hispanicum, adjecta insuper 40 Librarum Summa quam Finchio, primo quo quid vos agit anno, concessit memorata Societas, ut eo felicius opus, cui curando propositus est, prosequi ejus queat.

Ex his itaque 90 Libris, quae 345 ½ uncias Monetae Hispanicae vobis exhibent, dicto Finchio 100 Thalleri Hispanici quam primum in India adpulerit, sunt solvendi. Reliqua in jus vestrum cedunt. /

Worthy Sir London 20 Febry 1710--

I have received your favour of the 7. currant wth the melos'd to Sr Tho. Stepney, and am sorry I cannot comply with your desire of delivering it, You will please to remember, That the Societies promise of Printing B^p Bulls intended Letter was made before that Letter was communicated to them. That when that promise was made they expected it should be printed in his Lordships Life time which being not done they think themselves discharg'd from it.

And for the reasons formerly given in my Letter of the 25. of Novr last vizt That the Soiety are very tender of doing any thing that might look like dictating to the Reverend Clergy, & especially to those that are dignified with an Episcopal Character they think it very improper to desire the present B^p to print that Letter or to publish one of his own till he has visited his Diocese. 'Tis not an unusual thing for Bishops to publish pastoral Letters upon visiting their Diocess & 'tis very probable the present B^p may do so, especially if addrest to be your Self, Mr Lloyd and other Worthy Gent. in your Diocese and perhaps wth some particulars not mentioned in ye late B^p's intended Letter. and no doubt the Society will be very willing to dispers any thing that comes from the hands of so good a Man.

I hope you will therefore excuse my returning ye Letter with this request that if you think fit to insist upon Urging his Lordship therein, that you would draw out the Postscript and any thing else that may insinuate the Societies being concern'd in it. This however is a fresh proof of your Christian Zeal to promote the Designs of the Society, of which they are very Sensible. As to the other part of ye Letter when the Person you propose for a Correspond^t has Wood propos'd ye usual time I shall be able to acquaint you with the Resolution of the Society thereon, and in the mean time remain wth the utmost respect.

Sir

Yo^r

Gentlemen

I have herewith sent you a List of ye Societies Correspondents in the Several Counties through which you may pass, that as you have opperturnity you may waite upon them, with the Salutations of the Society and my Most humble Service, They will readily inform you of the State of the Cha: Schools in their Neighbourhood, and as it may consist with prudence and your Convenience, you will please to Visit the Schools and impart your advice as to the Methods of Teaching used in London, and any other practice tending to improve Children in Christian Knowledge, you will by the last Edition of the Sheet accounts of Schools take notice where the Society has not yet been informd of the Number of Children taught and enable me to supply those Defects against another Impression

When you come into Market Towns be pleased to Inform your=selves who are the active men there to promote Religion and good Manners, and Signifie their names and quality to me.

Where you find any Gentleman at a Distance from all the Correspondents Eminent for their Piety, humility, and Charity, be pleased to desire the Next Correspond^t. to recomend 'em to me to be proposed for Corresponding Members in order to which their Consent must be first obtaind, which you or the Correspond^t. whom you Consult, will find Means to procure.

You will at your Leisure look over the printed Memorandums which I gave you and favour me with your advice upon them from time to time directed to me at the Rev^d. M^r. Shute's in Bartlet's Buildings

If you should have occasion for any Books to disperse in your Travels upon your writing to me, they shall be sent as you shall direct.

The Charity Schools are Certainly one great Mean by which good providence Enlarges the Kingdom of our Blessed Lord you will therefore have the Satisfaction of Remembring that however you can Contribute to their advancem^t. you further that glorious End, and will not fail of obtaining your reward, when he himself shall return to the world, May God Almighty prosper your way and grant you a Safe Return to your friends and particularly to

I shall write to you what relates to ye Parochial Libraries

A Copy of M. [illegible]

to the Lord Privy Seale Petty France Westmr

5. Octob. 1711

My Most Hon.d Lord.

At the Meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge last night at M.r Thules (where I have the Hon.r to be the Chaireman for the Ensueing Month) I made bold to acquaint the Gentlemen then present of the Most Kind and favourable dispositions of Yo.r Lord.p to Countenance and Encourage their good designs and to take the said Society into your Protection and I was heard with great Satisfaction, and at the same time the Society ~~promised~~ appointed the Secretary M.r Newman and me to waite on your Lord.p with their humblest thanks, and to Lay before you their Subscription Book which makes their Fund and Consist of Contributions purely Voluntary both as to the quantity and Duration I thought it my Duty to acquaint Yo.r Lordship ~~Lord~~ herewith and to Send Yo.r Lord.ps a Small Packet of the Books & papers with which the Society Present all their new Members, and from which Yo.r Lord.p May Learn what is the Object of their designs and Especialy from the account of Schools and the printed Letter to which I humbly Refer, My Lord I ~~have~~ chose to Send this Ey poor and honest Bank.r M.r Newmans Clerk to give the young Fellow an opportunity of Reverencing Yo.r Lord.p, and humbly Beg to know by him when you will be attended by

J. C.

Mr. St. George.

Worthy Sir

Whitehall 19th Decr 1711.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge having been informed of your readiness to serve the Interest of Religion, they have unanimously chosen you a Corresponding Member, desiring your concurrence in the prosecution of their Designs by such Methods as are most agreeable to the Laws of the Country where you live and the Christian Church in general.

I am prevented giving you an History of the Rise of this Society, by a Printed Account herewith sent to you entituled A Letter from a Member of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge in London to his friend in the Country & wherein you have an Account of the Nature of this Society as well as of Several others that have been set up of late years in and about London for Promoting (tho' by different Methods) the Practice of true Religion among us.

Give me leave only to add a few things not fully discribed in that Letter: The Society have greatly enlarged their Designs by fixing Correspondencies in most parts of South Britain, and in some parts of North Britain, as also in Ireland, and beyond the Seas. The Charges of carrying on these Designs are chiefly defrayed by the Voluntary Subscriptions of the Residing Members, and according to the Rules of the Society nothing of that kind is required from the Corresponding Members, in regard they are supposd to countenance and promote the same charitable purposes where they live.

I need not observe to you the pleasure & advantage hereby accruing to good Men by becoming more known and useful to one another, and how they have a far greater power by the Grace of God of doing good by their Joint assistance and advice than singly could be expected.

The Society meet once every week & are chiefly engaged in promoting 2 things; The first is the setting up Charity

Schools

Schools for the Instruction of poor Children in the Knowledge of the Christian Religion as professd in the Church of England and for teaching at the same time to read Write and cast accounts.

A considerable Progress has been made in these Schools within the compass of a few years, so that in London and within 10. English Miles thereof, there are now 112 Charity Schools in which are taught upwards of 4300 Children of which 3871. are cloathed, but if all Britain be taken in, they are increasd to upwards of 631. Schools in which are freely taught upwards of 14000. poor Children many being cloath'd and some wholy maintained.

The other thing which the Society are concernd in, is the dispersing of Religious Books especially among the poorer sort of People, by which means abundance of poor Families have been provided with Bibles, Prayer Books, and little Treatises of Practical Christianity. Many of these Books have been printed at the Charge of the Society at London, and dispers'd in the Country, for reviving a Sense of Piety: And that you may the better Judge of the Nature of these Books and the — design of the Society they have Ordered a Specimen of them to be herewith sent to you.

And tho' their Debates are chiefly conversant upon the Means of Promoting Christian Knowledge at home; yet they have never refus'd any fair opportunity of lending their Assistance abroad, so far as was consistent with their Ability and their not invading the Provinces of other Men. And therefore when they heard of the Progress of some Danish Missionaries at Tranquebar on the Coast of Coromandel, they were easily induced to resolve upon giving them what Assistance they could, and accordingly sent Mr. Jonas Finck a Printer on board the Jane Frigot Capt. Austin Comand. who sailed from Spithead last April 8th the following Things

Viz.

A Printing Press with all its Utensils
600. weight of Types.
100. Ream of Paper
130. odd pounds in Forreign Silver and Bills of Exchange.
250. Copies of St. Mathews Gospel in Portuguese and a considerable Number of Practical Tracts written by our own Bishops and eminent Divines to be translated into such Language or Languages in India as should render them most usefull to the Heathen.

I ought to acquaint you that the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Forreign parts finding themselves limited by their Charter to her Majesties Dominions in the west Indies could not as a Society engage in this Charity, but their Members by their Liberal Contributions have shewn a very hearty concurrence in promoting it.

Mr Fanick and the above mentioned things were recommended to yours and Mr Lewis's favour particularly, & the East India Company were pleas'd at the request of the Society to recomend em to the Governour at Fort St George and the Protestant Missionaries in India to the Protection of all their Governours in General.

Before these recommendations could reach your hands, the Society were not a little pleas'd to understand from Mr Ziegenbalg that you had been extreamly civil to him, for which they desire you would accept their Thanks, and Mr Jennings your Worthy Father who is a member of the Society is particularly desired to signifie this to you.

Since the Jane Frigat went home, the Society have procured an Impression of the New Testament in Portuguese part of which are sent over in the Marlborough Captain Martin Comander Viz. 56. N. Testaments for Madras recommended to yours and Mr Lewis's Care to be bestowed where they will do most good together with several English Books design'd for the Foundation of a Publick Library at

Fort

Fort St. George, subject to the care of the Chaplain for the use of such as are disposd to spend their time in reading.

56. N. Testaments for Mr Anderson Chaplain at Bengal with Several English Books in a Box recommended also to your care.

No. 1 ..... 213. N. Testaments for the Danish Missionaries at Tranquebar in a Box recomended also to your care together with

No. 2: 3 ..... 2. Boxes containing a pair of Globes 16 Inches Diameter

No. 4 ..... A Box containing a Telescope; Barometer & Thermometer and Eartstone.

No. 5 ..... A Box full of Mathematical Instruments for teaching Navigation, Surveying and other parts of ye Mathematicks, & double Microscope after ye New Invention &c

No. 6 ..... A Month Pendulum Clock.

No. 7 ..... A Chest of English Beer. The last parcels for the Danish Missionaries.

The Society are informd that there are some Copies of the English Liturgy translated into Portuguese in the Company's Stores in India, If they are distributed gratis it will be taken as a favour if you can procure some of them to be put into the hands of the Danish Missionaries.

The Society are sensible that many difficulties will attend an undertaking of this Nature but that does not discourage them from using the properest means, and leaving the Success to him whose Glory is the Ultimate End of their Design: They consider that the Heathen in your parts are much more docile than the Inhabitants of Palestine were at the first Promulgation of the Gospel: That it has been often the pleasure of Heaven to Effect great Things by weak Instruments; — That there is a time when the Nations of the Gentiles shall subject themselves ~~themselves~~ to the Dominion of our Blessed Lord; and who can say that that time is not at hand: In short if the End don't answer their Hopes, they will have the pleasure of having done their Endeavour and if they gain some poor Creatures to the Knowledge

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and Belief of their Saviour, they will acquiesce in that, an Ample Recompence of all the pains they can take. In the mean time when you please to Answer this, the Society would be very glad to be advis'd by you and such Gent. as are upon the Spot concerning the best Method of Effecting the Instruction of the Heathen.

They desire to be recommended in your Prayers to Almighty God for his Blessing on their Consultations and Endeavours and that the same Blessing may always accompany you is earnestly Wish'd by

Sir

Your most Obed.t

humble Servant

A. N.

P.S.
Please to direct to me at
Mr Henry Hoares in Fleet
Street - London

My most humble
Service to Col.o Harrison

To the Rev.d Mr Lewis
at Fort St George.

Whitehall 19.th December 1711.

Rev.d Sr

Having wrote largely to you by Mr Finck who went hence in the Jane Pigot, and sent a Duplicate thereof in the same Fleet, I hope One or both of them have reach'd your hands, and therefore I shall not trouble you with repeating what I then said, but by the Direction of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, I humbly acquaint you that they are very Solicitous, for Supporting that good Beginning which has been made of Christianizing the Heathen on the Coast of Coromandel, and that they ~~are very~~ Solicitous have a great confidence in your Zeal and Prudence that nothing in your power will be wanting to carry it on.

I have

I have wrote by this ship to Mr Jennings who is lately chose a Corresponding Member of the Society and by the Character that is given of him here it is not doubted but he will readily concurr with you in all Christian Offices for encouraging the Missionaries at Tranquebar: but that the K. of Tanjour being an Heathen gives greater opposition to the attempts for gaining his Subjects to Christianity than the great Mogul does, who being a Mahometan is unconcern'd whether his Subjects are Heathens or Christians: That the English Settlements are for the most part in the Dominions of the great Mogul, and if the said Missionaries should be liable to any persecution on account of their difficulties, the Society cannot but hope that you will in concert with Mr Jennings find out means to protect them, the Hon.ble Company here have recommended them to the Protection of their Governt in general and to Colonel Harrison in particular.

I forgot to mention to him that the Society are willing to remove in case the Missionaries should be obliged to remove

And if any part of the Indies afford a larger field wherein the Danish Missionaries may be employed to better purposes than where they are, the Society would be very glad to hear that some of them were removed to such place; And that you would use your Endeavours to secure the Prest and other things sent to them at Fort St George, or in any other English Settlement where they may be most beneficial.

The Fund by which the Society carry on this design depending only on Voluntary Contributions they are not at present in a capacity to send and maintain any Missionaries of our own Nation and therefore they would gladly encourage those that are already there, and have given proofes of their Zeal & Ability to undertake

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Promies of Missionaries.

Mr Ziegenbalg has acquainted his friends in Europe with the many civilities he has received from the English and particularly from you, and the Society have thereupon Order'd me to send you their Thanks for them.

Mr Watson of Bombay being dead, the Society would be glad you would recommend to em a proper Correspondent on that side of India. You will with Mr Jennings be pleas'd to accept of 66 N. Testaments in Portuguese to bestow where they may do most good in your parts: They are in a Box directed to both of you, and together with them is put up some few English Books design'd as a Small Foundation to a Publick Library at Fort St George, which the Society will gladly augment as they have occasion, and they leave it to your discretion to lend em out where they may be most useful, but only so that they may be safely return'd & preserved for the Publick Benefit.

If you please to signifie your thoughts concerning the most probable Methods of gaining the Heathen in India to Christianity, the Society will be thankfull for them: They hope both you and Mr. Jennings will excuse the trouble of conveying such things as are directed to the Missionaries by the Jane Frigate and by this Ship — as also of another Box of New Testaments & English Books for Mr Anderson at Bengal, which if Mr Anderson be not living, you are desired to keep for his Successor or till further Advice from ye Society.

If you find the Translation of ye Testament into Portuguese incorrect, you will please to make your remarks in the inlarged Copie and to return it in order to a better Edition.

I have no more to add but to ask your Prayers for ye Society and him who ardently wishes the Divine goodness may always encompass you & remain with great respect.

Rev^d Sr

Yo^r &c

P.S. Please to direct yor Letter to Me at Mr Henry Hoare's in Fleet Street London.

J. N.

To William Jennings Esq.
at Fort St George

London Decemb 26th 1711.

Dr Sr

This Serves to forward the Inclosed to you from Mr Henry Newman who is Secretary to ye Society for the Promoting of Christian Knowledge who have Chosen you a corresponding Member, That Society consists of Several Worthy Persons both Lords Spiritual and Temporals and ~~Divines~~ eminent Divines, and Private Gentlemen, eminent for their Piety. I Shall not recite to you what our Secretary has imparted to you but only further to inform you, that the Several — Mathematical Instruments and Mathematical Books with a very good Pendulum Clock, which are Sent by this Shipping for the Danish Missionaries at — Tranquebar, are design'd by the Society that those Missionaries Shall have the Intire use of them so long as they continue in their Mission in the East Indies; but if they Shall meet with such — discouragments (which God forbid) as to return for Europe, then it is the design of the Society that they Should be left either in yours or Mr Lewis's hands, untill you receive the orders of the Society about them, and in such case I doubt not your care of them, and that you will advise me thereof. I must further desire you that in case the Danish Missionaries Should meet with any Ill usage from the Danish Governours or from the Inhabitants in the Country so that they Shall be necessitated to leave those parts, and be desirous of Setling themselves in any parts amongst you or in the Companys Government that then I desire you will give them all the Countenance and favour you can, that they may not be molested

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or hindred in Prosecuting their Mission provided they do nothing to the Prejudice of the Company which I am Satisfied they never willingly will do, but will be glad to concert Measures with you for the carrying on that great Work of Planting Christianity in your Heathen World. I further desire that if they should be drove to great extremity for want of a Supply of Money, I do hereby give you Commission to Supply them with, according to their pressing necessity, as their occasion requires, from Fifty Pounds even to One Hundred Pounds, and I will answer what Bills you shall draw upon me for the same, you taking their Receipts and transmitting them over to me at the same time, but of this I desire you would not acquaint them that you have such a Comission, nor let them have no more Money at once, than the necessity of their occasions requires for they know nothing of this Credit that I have given them, neither is it designd that they shall have this Money except they want it. I heartily recommend You and them to the Mercy and favour of God and remain

Dr Sr

Yor Affectionate Friend
& Servant

Henry Hoare

What you write me about
these Missionaries or the
Society I desire you will
do it in a Letter directed to me
under Cover in yours directed to
Mrs Newman, and not in your Letter
to my Father and self.

S.P.G. To Mr Lewis and Mr Jennings's Letters 26 Dec.r 1711.
To fort St George viz.t

London 2 Janry 1711.

Sir

I have just now delivrd to Mr Dubois a Bagg containing 366. 3/4. Ounces of pces of 8. Mark'd {G.L. / W.L.} with the weight aboversaid and Seald with with the Seal on this Letter which you are desired to send to the Missionaries at Tranquebar viz.t Mr Ziegenbalg and Mr Plutscho They will be shipd on bord the Kent with the companys Treasure, and when I get a proper Certificate of it, it shall be covrd to you & Mr Jennings, & heartily wish you and the British Nation a happy New year and remain

Sir Yr. most humble Serv.t
H. N.

To Mr Jonas Finch. Whitehall 18 Dec.r 1711.

Sir The Last and only Advice the Society have had of your Welfare since you left Britain was of the Madera by Your Letter to Mr Boehm via Carolina which was very acceptable. They hope Good Providence has ere this conducted you safely to the end of your Voyage and doubt not of your Zeal to prosecute the Errand you was sent upon. Mr Boehm will write to you and the Missionaries more particulary on behalf of the Society to whom I beg leave to refer you and subjoin here an Amount of what the Society have sent by the Marlbro. Captain Martin Comander to Madras recommended to Mr Lewis and Mr Jennings's Care for the use of the Missionarys viz.t

No. 1...213. N. Testaments in Portuguese in a Box - Mark'd as in the Margent: wherein there is —
Deechales's Cursus Mathematicus 3. Tom. D.S
and an interlaid Portugues Testamon —

for the Missionarys to make their remarks in order to a more correct Edition. Euclidis Elementorum libri XV. breviter demonstrati &c J.s Barrow —

N.o 2. 3... A pair of Globes 16. Inches Diameter, Celestial & Terrestrial.

4. . . A Telescope the Legs of the Semicircle for Surveying a Barrometer and Thermometer, a Loadstone, and Packet of Letters &c from M.r Boehm.

5. . . A Box containing an Azimuth Compass, Semicircle and Case of Mathematical Instruments, a Set of Microscopes, a Optick Glass for a window and Ring Dial.

6. . . A Month Pendulum Clock with all its appurtenances

7. . . . A Chest of English Beer containing 14 Doz.

I have wrote to M.r Jennings to procure for the use of the Missionaries some of the English Liturgies translated into Portuguese.

I have also wrote particularly to M.r Lewis and M.r Jennings to use their utmost Intrest to protect you and the Missionaries in case of any persecution where you are, and if you and they should — meet with such discouragment (which God forbid) as to return to Europe it is the Societies desire that the Press, Clock, Globes, Books and Mathematical Instruments &c should be left in the hands of M.r Lewis and M.r Jennings at Fort S.t George.

Sir I wish you heartily & the Missionarys Success in the Glorious Undertaking wherein you are engaged, and hope God Almighty who has conducted you into those parts will always accompany you with his especial Blessing. The Society will be glad to hear of yours and the Missionarys Welfare by all opp.ys as well as Dear Sir

Yo.r most humble Serv.t

J. H.

P.S. If you have a Good Map of the River Euphrates & the adjacent Country & the Cs. to omit it as a singular favr to see a Copy of it.

P.S.

P 5 to Mr Jones Minists Lett. dated 9th Dec. 1711.

Sir London 2. Janry 1711/12

I have just now delivered to Mr Dubois the Treasurer of the East India Company 366 ℔. ounces of Peices of 8. in a Bagg mark'd {GL / WI} and Seald with the Seal of this Letter for Mr Ziegenbalg and Mr Plutscho, and have orders to Mr Lewis and Mr Jenning. to forward it to them or their Order, with all the things above mentioned. I wish you an happy New Year and remain as before

Sir. Yours H. N.

Jno. Morley will be
sent on bord the Lewis;
This is part of a Collection
made by Professor Frank at Hall

The following Memorial should have been entred about fol. 50 or 51. being forgot is entred here.

To The Honble Court of Directors of the United East India Company of England

May it please your Honrs.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge have a very Grateful Remembrance of your Generous Com^d & Direction to their Request the last year in favour of the Protestant Missionaries in the East Indies; and they hope your Honrs will always have cause to Rejoyce in the Effects of your Bounty towards them.

They beg leave to renew their applications in behalf of the said Missionaries, that you would be pleas'd to grant Freight Free on bord one of your Ships bound to Madras for ye following Goods vizt. 500. New Testam^ts in Portuguese bound in 8vo. together with some English Practical Books wrote by ye Bps & Divines of ye Ch of England.

400. Ounces of Silver
1. Pair of Globes
1. Pendulum Clock
1. Telescope & other Mathematical Instruments.
A Present of 2 chests of English Beer & other necessarys.

And if it may consist with your Honrs Interest that they be put on Bord the Marlborough Captn Martin Comander it would be esteem'd as a very great obligation on the said Society, and the other Contributors to this charitable work

Whitehall 29th Novem^r 1711. Henry Norman

M. Plutscho at Tranquebar.

Reverendi Viri.

Speramus circa hoc tempus Finkium nostrum, qui elapso mense Aprili ad vos transiturus navem conscendebat, in India orientali tandem adpulisse. Evocatus a Societate de propagando Christi Evangelio ad vos Missus, ut in Gerendo Domini opere manus vobis praberet auxiliatrices, et Supellectile typographica, qua amicorum Sumptibus erat instructus, veritatis Christianæ eo Expeditius Sparseret inter Gentes. Incrementa Schola et Ecclesiæ Malabaricæ adeoq; totius instituti tam feliciter cœpti Scire desideramus vehementer: Digitum enim Dei, ut Christianos omnino decet, non possumus non admirari ~~admirari~~ in tam ardui momenti negotio, quod tam in magna Britannia quam alijs terris promotores invenit, qui ultro erogarunt quæ propagando in India Evangelio, inservire possunt.

Ultima vestra monita, quæ Anglorum, plantationes quas fecerunt Speciatim respiciunt, altius animis nostris insident, quam ut ullis ea impedimentis elabi nobis patiamur; Sperando remoras, quæ quidem in præsenti undique nos circumstant, divina Gratia adspirante, suo tempore superaturos: ubi, ostio Sermonis semel aperto, (ut Scriptura loquitur) eo liberiori pede ad Gentiles transire liceat et odorem cognitionis Christi quovis in loco manifestare. Certum est, messem instare multam, & ipsis Gentilium animis radium quendam altioris Convictionis in India tam Orientali, quam Occidentali affulgere. Laboramus autem in Europæa magna Virorum penuria, qui sepposito rerum privatarum respectu

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& vana philautias — studio Christiana dexteritate mentisque simplicitate, opus hoc adgrediendo, non sibi ipsis stipendium vel mercedem luerari — intendant, sed christo animas. —

Interea optamus Reverendi viri, ut vos opus curæ vestræ commissum omni animi nisu urgere pergatis, et bene faciendo vos segnes fieri ... nunquam patiamini. Quo intimius fraterno in christo amore coaluerint corda vestra, eo majis conspicuus reddetur progressus in Negotio ... salutis inter Ethnicos promovendo. Cum in finem primorum — Christianorum exemplum jugiter vobis ob Oculos Versetur; quippe in quod ipsi gentiles olim intuendo Sacrum mutui amoris vinculum et intimam animorum conjunctionem in christianis magnopere — mirabantur & divinæ convictionis aculeos de veritate religionis .... Christianæ hinc percipiebant. Eadem via & vos insistatis ut — Veritas Christianismi, non per verba solum, sed per practicam — insuper in vita moribusqz expressionem, Gentilium se pectori eo — altius insinuet: Hæc enim felicissima propagandi christi Evangelium methodus semper fuit. Duplex hinc vobis enascetur fructus. Cum enim in ipso Conversionis limine anceps quasi hæreat homo, & jam circa possibilitatem, jam vero circa Necessitatem Christianismi ..... practicaria ipsi suboriantur dubia; ipsa Missionarij vita Doctrinis Examussim respondens, vividas post se relinquet convictiones & — subortos scrupulos ex auditorum animis felicitas eximet. Vetus enim illud dicterium: Cujus vita fulgur est, ejus verba sunt tonitrua Missionario iterum iterumqz inculcandum esse censemus. —
Vita enim bona omnem humanæ artis ac Eruditionis apparatum

in finitis passibus post se reliquit; cum hic, si illa destituatur homo
in fiet & ad munus Missionarij digne gerendum prorsus ineptum re

Novimus praterea humanum Rationem in hoc defectionis
Statu eoq; — — — languescere, ut ad quodlibet periculum ac dis
tatem expaveſcat — nescia quo se vertat. Causa est, quia Ratio pos
lapsum a Deo & suavi ejus regimine semel avulsa, perpetuis jam in
se ipsa agitatur dissidiis, et jam huc jam illuc vago impeta — —
impellitur. Natura vero fidei, quæ in propagando Christi Evangel
utramq; paginam facit, non ita comparata est. Quando enim . . .
imbecillis hominis Ratio ingruente periculo Animo deficit; tunc
fides in Dei potentiam cui gratiose est innita, filiali fiducia eo firmius
recumbit. Quando Ratio varijs obruitur Suggestionibus & anxijs
curis; Fides curam suam et solicitudinem omnem paterna —
omnipotentes manui committendo, in hujus providentia conquiescit.
Quando denicq; sibi relicta Ratio de progressu operis ob immi=
=nentia pericula et calamitates dubitat; tunc fides in Christum
variis Dei promissionibus corroborata divinam suam energiam —
~~suam~~ eo efficacius exerit. Simplex enim Fidei Oculus est, & dum ex
una parte perversi seculi Mores & degenerem naturam corrigere —
studet, ex altera parte non ex propriis viribus ad bona quaque —
præstanda enervatis. sed ex divino promissionis verbo unice uni=
=ecque pendet, et de obstaculis, quæ communis animarum hostis —
nunquam non ingerit, post multas devoratas molestias tandem . . —
triumphat. Ne itaq; animum despondeatis, si variis cum adver=
sitatibus luctandum vobis sit, ac Satanas vel ex Paganorum vel

Corde Christianorum grege Evangelii propagationi inimicos sufflet:
& Contrario Spiritu potentiæ corroboretis vos invicem, Apostoli exemplum
sedulo intuentes; hic enim Corinthiis scribit, se Ephesi Paulo diutius
esse mansurum, adjecta hac ratione, Nam ostium ait mihi apertum
est, magnum et adversarij multi. Ex quo videre est, Apostoli animum
adversariorum multitudine neutiquam fractum fuisse, sed eo magis
incensum, ad opus domini promovendum. In hunc itaq; intuentes
animum in quavis adversitate recolligite et in tramite quo . . .
coepistis, sedulo pergite.

Valete in Domino

Societatis Nomine subscripsit

Londini d:
21 Decemb.
1711.

Henricus Newman.
Secretarius

To Messrs. Jo. Short
John Crosse
Henry Savage
Edw. Howard

28 Feb.y 1711/2

Gent.n Your letter of the 25th Curr.t directed to the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge has been this day communicated to them and they have ordered me to acquaint you, that they do not think it proper to ~~delay~~ do any thing which may prevent or delay, the intended Meeting of the Subscribers to Clerkenwell School, in Order to their proceeding against the Master of the said School in such manner as they shall think fit. I am.

Approved by g.l Soc: 28. Feb.

Whitehall 9th Aprill 1712

The Trustees of Clarkenwell
Cha: Schools.
Gent.n

Your Letter of the 20. of Last month was Communicated to the Society at their Last meeting, and they have ordred me to thank you for acquainting them with what you have done towards removing the Scandal, Lately given to by the master of yor Charity School. The Bp of London by a Letter to me having been pleased to signifie his Resentments of the great offence thereby given, and having intimated his intention to Reform that

abuse

The Society think themselves obliged to acquaint his Lordship with what has been done in y.t affaire and they heartily wish that the Course you have taken with M.r Honycott may prevent him from being guilty of the like misbehaviour for y.r future. I am

Gent.n

Approv'd by y.e Com. 7.th April.

Yo.r most humb. Serv.t

D.r Savage

Whitehall 9. April 1711.

S.r

I have hereinclosed an Answer from y.e Society to y.e Lett.r which You coveid to M.r Hoare the 20. of the Last Month You'l be pleased to Communicate it to y.r Trustees of yo.r Ch. Sch. from S.r . Yo.r &c H. N.

Whitehall 14.th April 1712.

M.r Jonas Finck ---- at Fort S.t George

I have herewith sent You a Copy of my last and am now to acquaint You that the Society have had the Sad account of yo.r being taken by Mons.r Du Gué Trouin at Rio de S.t Janeiro; they were however glad to be informed by Gov.r Collet's Letter of your health, and that he had ransom'd the Printing Press, Paper, &c. and that You was gone on the Voyage with him. And tho no Letter is yet come to hand from You, since that Misfortune! they hope to hear from You by Capt. Austin or some other Person coming home who are not yet arrived: M.r Burges the first Mate is arrived and gave a generall account of y.r Sufferings, but the Society hope for a particular account from You.

Gov.r Collet has Drawn upon Mr. Dolins a Mem.r of the Society 150. £ for Ransoming the things which you left not including the Silver. I herewith send you an acco.t of the Particulars which you carried hence with the cost of them, and desire you would Signifye to me what of 'em you received after the Ransoming of the same.

Pray give my very humble Service to Mons.r Ziegenbalg and Mr. Plutschow, and the other Missionaries with them. So wishing you and them all manner of Prosperity in this good Work you are engaged in, I Remain

Your most humb.e Serv.t —
H. N.

My humble Service to Gov.r Collet. Mr. Dolins has wrot to him on behalf of the Society to thank him for his Civility to you —

N.B. The following Invoice was sent to Mr. Finck inclos'd in the abovesaid Letter . . . .

An Invoice of Goods Shipp.d ~~aboard~~ on board the Jane Frigate Capt.n Austin Comand.r for the East Indies, consigned to Mr. Jonas Finck on account of the Danish Missionaries at Tranquebar including some things for his own use on the Voy.e thither. Jan.y 1711.

		£ s d	£ s d
100.	Ream of Paper	£ 40 — —	
	Utensils for the Press	20 5 9	
	Press Types &c.	51 15 —	
250.	S.t Mathews Gospel in Portuguese	3 — —	
	Little Books from Mr. Downing	5 — —	£ 120 — — 9
	Beer &c. a Chest	£ 4 2 6	
	Sugar	1 10 —	
	A Chest of Wine	4 8 6	
	Tobacco, Strong Water, Cheese &c.	11 2 9	
	Medicines	1 10 6	£ 22 14 3
	Cloaths & books for Mr. Finck	£ 10 — —	
	Ditto & Linnen	4 15 —	
	More Necessarys	3 12 —	
	Ditto Mapps &c.	4 13 6	
	Portmanteu &c.	3 — —	
	Mathematical Instruments	1 18 —	£ 27 18 6
			£ 170 13 6

These were all the most Material Articles of what was Shipp.d on the Jane, Except the Spanish Dollers as witness my Hand Henry Newman

To Mr. Macbeth
at the Greenhan a Distiller
in St. Martin's Le Grand
London

Whitehall 18. Sept. 1712.

Rev.d Sir

The Malabar Committee having under Consideration Mr. Wendy's Proposal for Erecting a School at Fort St. George, to Instruct the Heathen in Christianity &c. Before they apply to the East India Company for leave to Erect such a School, they would be glad to know from you and Mr. Keate whether you can recomend to them a Master fit for Such a Service.

As far as I can Judge of the Sence of the Committee the Qualifications, which they desire in the Person you Recomend are.

1. That he be of a Pious disposition Capable of Teaching all the Credenda, and Agenda, of the Christian Religion.
2. That he have so much knowledge of the Latin Tongue as to be apt of Learning, & Capable of Teaching other Languages Gramatically as there shall be occasion.
3. That he have some Knowledge in the Mathematicks or at least a disposition to learn them.
4. That he be an English man, a Single Person, of a good aspect, & healthy Constitution.

It may not be an Easy thing perhapps to find a Person, in whom all those Qualifications may meet, disposed to go into so Remote a Country, but they would gladly have as many of them as may be in the Person you Recomend. I am

Sir

Your Most humble Servant

H. N.

Mr. Rob. Hales in de Whitehall. 14 Oct. 1710

Rourte Straet a L'Hotel de Bourdeaux
proche le Plain a la Haye Holland

The Society received yor obliging Letter of the 4. Curt. N. S. and have ordered me to Thank you for your Care in Publishing the Dean of Carlisle's Sermon &c. and the effectual Measures you have taken to disperse the 300. Copies which not proving Sufficient to answer all your occasions you are desired to take up 100. More and bind them in such manner as you shall think proper at the Charge of the Society. They would have made no Difficulty of Commissioning you, to take all that remain in the Book-Sellers hands, But they Considered that what he shall disperse by Sale or otherwise will as effectually answer their End as if they were dispersed by the Society. As to Mr. Scheurleer's account The Society are Satisfyed in what you have thought Reasonable, and have desired Mr. Treasurer Shute to pay Mr. Scheurleer the whole Charge viz £ 6. 9. 6 for the 300. Copies and if you have advanced any part of it, you will repay your-self out of the 100. Copies you are Still to take up. The Society are so perfectly satisfyed in your Zeal & Care to serve them that they think it would be unreasonable that you should be at any Expence, after you have devoted so much of yor time and pains to Serve them. As to the Common Prayer you know it is the Corporation Society that are concern'd to print it, and therefore have no directions about it.

I am

I am now by order to request that you would in the name of the Society be pleased to Thank the Revd. Mr. Basnage for his Excellent advertism.t by way of Preface to the Sermon &c. which has no doubt contributed very much to recomend the Several Designs therein touch'd upon. I am only afraid that forreigners that come to See England will not find that Zeal for Piety & Virtue as Mons.r Basnage is pleased to Complem.t the Nation with. Tho what he has asserted be fact as to the great Blessing that has attended the Labours of a few good Men for preventing this Kingdom from becoming another Sodom.

The Dean of Carlisle is not in Town nor has he been for about 2. Months past, which I mention as a reason why you don't hear from him if he be Silent

The Society were so much pleased with the Charact.r you gave of Mons.r Ayerst and the Honble observation he has made of the Influence the Societies in this Kingdom have on those that correspond with them, that they have unanimously chosen him a Corresponding Member and I have given him Notice of that choice in form, which I desire yo.r would be pleased to convey to him. I have done it in English which I presume he understands, but if he don't care to write he may be pleased to answer in Latin or French as I have signified to him.

I recd the 12. Copies of the Sermon &c. by Mons.r Lieure with your other kind Letter of the 5. Curt. and shall with all my heart do him any Service that lies in my power to Shew how much I Esteem the powerfull recomendation he brought with him

I think I have now taken Notice of all the particulars of y[e] Letters that required an answer, give me leave only to add that the Society having very much at Heart to encourage the design of the Protestant Mission to the E. Indies which the Danish Missionarys have so successfully begun. They would gladly be informed how his Majesty the King of Denmark, and his Court are disposed to favour it. What annual allowances are made to the Missionaries and upon what Foundation those allowances are. Whether M[r]. Plutscho who is one of the Missionaries lately come home with some Complaints about Difficulty that they have met with, be heard, and is like to obtain redress.

If Mons[r]. De la Placette (whose Name I cannot mention without Honour) be with you he will be able to inform you in these particulars or at least to procure a full answer to them which I shall be glad to receive in order to be Communicated to the Society. Suffer me only to ask one thing more whither the Marquis de Miremont and Marquis De Rochegude are like to succeed in their Negociations at Utrecht, your answer will oblidge

D[r] Sir

I have writ to Mons[r]. van Overbeke

M[r]. Ayerst's Letter will follow by Next post because it must be transcribed before I send it away and by that time the Secretary's office will be Shut up.

Approved by the Com: 13. Oct. 1712

To Humphrey Mackworth in London } Whitehall 30. Octr. 1710.

The Revernd Mr. Shute having Lately procured an Audit of his Accounts as Treasurer of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and it being a Standing Rule "That an Account of all arrears due to the Society "be after each Audit Layd before the Society and that such "Members as shall be found in Arrear above 4 Quarters "the Secretary shall give them Notice Thereof.

I take Leave therefore most humbly to Inform you that by Mr. Treasurers Account there are 3 Years of yor Subscriptions Due Last Michas, and to request you would be pleased to Signifie your intention therein to

Sir Yor Excy H N.

To Grey Nevill Esq. in Bloomsbury Square London

& to Dr. Bp of Bangor } The Same as above the same Date ab. Lre

NB. A Lre dat 10 December to Mr Woolley Secry to the Honble East India Company - is Entred pa. 92.

Nov 25 1712

To the Hon: the Court of Directors of the united East India Company of England. -

May it please Yor Honours.

The favourable Acceptance which you have been pleased to give to the addresses of the Society for promoting Xtian knowledge, in behalf of the Protestant Missionaryes in the East Indies, and the prospect of Success attending their Endeavours hath Encouraged them to renew their Application to your Honours.

That you would be pleased to grant Leave to the said Society and their Correspondents in India to Erect Charity Schools at Fort St. George, Madras, and other places under Your Government, as providence should afford the means of doing it; to which all who are willing may send their Children to be Educated in the principles of the Xtian Religion and other usefull knowledge Gratis, and that you would be pleased to recommend the protection and Encouragemt. of them to the Governor and Council there.

That to Encourage such as should be there Educated, you would impower the Governor and Council, to declare they will Entertain them, in such Service as they may be fitt for preferrable to other Natives. if they shall be found as deserving.

That you would be pleased to grant for the use of the Protestant Missionaries and Schoolmrs in India a Quarter of an hundred of the Copies of the Common Prayer Book Translated into Portuguese, five Copies to be delivered in England, and 20 to be delivered to the Revd Mr Lewis or Wm Jennings Esq. at Fort St. George. -

That you would be pleased to repeat your Directions to the Governors in those parts under Your Command to protect the Protestant Missionaryes that shall happen to come into or Settle in your Territories pursuant to Yor favourable Orders of the 17 Janry 1710 which being sent by the Jane Frigat there is reason to fear may have miscarryed and that you would be pleased particularly to recommend the Missionaryes and Schoolmrs being proceeded against the power and Artifices of the Papists, Mahometans, and Heathen.

That you would be pleased to grant passage to and from Europe free of Charge to the Company of Yor Missrs to those who shall be Employed in carrying on this good Work and also the Liberty of sending Freight free pricks of Bookes and other things, which may be thought requisite to the same and that the Charge of such passage or freight to the Owners may be Moderated as the Company shall think fitt. -

And finally that the Missionaryes and Schoolmasters and their Wives may be Entituled to the those privileges and Immunityes which are common to those who have the honour to serve you.

Your favourable condescention to these particulars it is humbly hoped would tend very much to promote the Interest of the Xtian Religion, the honour and Advantage of the British Nation, and much oblidge the Soc[ie]ty.

H. N. Sec.

N.B. it was agreed y[e] this Article be left out & one to the other side put in Steed hereof

Read 25th Nov[r] 1712 3: Xbers 1712.

NB: The following clause was agreed to be inserted in Stead of one on the other side this Leaf wch is defective.

That you would be pleased to grant passage from Europe (free of Charge to the Company) on your Ships to 4 or 5 persons who shall be Imployed in carrying on this good Work, and also the Liberty of sending freight free peices of 8/ not Exceeding the value of £400 with such other Necessaryes as shall be requisite not Exceeding the Quantity of a Ton, and that the charge of Such passage & freight to the Owners may be moderated as the Company shall think fitt.

Memorand of the Marks and Contents of the Barrells sent to Madras by Mr. Berlin and Mr. Adler 1712/

	No	
B.Z.	1.	All paper
	2.	Paper, printed Bookes and Types
on board the Frederick. Capt Phrip Comandr.	3. & 4.	Malabar Types
	5.	A Chest of Iron Lead, Steel, Copper and Brass Barrs
	6.	Chest of Tools
	7:8.	Barrells of Lamb Black
	9:10.	Barrells of Oyl and Antimony
	11:12.	Brandy Limejuice &c. 24 Gallons
	13.	Box of Sugar 9. 1 & 2: &c
on board the K. William, Captain Winter Comandr.	14.	Box of Oatmeal Ginger bread &c.
	15.	Box of Wine, 2 dozen of Bottles
	16: 17.	Beer and the Chest marked W N being a Present Capt. Winter
	18: 19.	Two Cheeses covered with Lead
	20: 21.	Two Trunks of Apparel Linnen &c.

2. Little Boxes of Books for Mr. Stevenson
1. Do for Mr Long on board the Bonnover — } Capt. Osborn Comr

Memorand.ª of things designd to be sent to the Eastindies

1. Large Case All Paper.
1. Ditto Half full of paper, the rest Portugueze Testaments and little Portugueze Books containing the first principles of Christianity & a Box of Malabarick Types.
2. Thin, broad Boxes of Malabarick Types.
1. Chest of Iron Lead. Steel, Copper, & Brass Barrs belonging to the Printing Trade.
1. Chest of printing Tools
2. Barrells of Lamb Black
2. Ditto of Oyl and Antimony.

2. Cases of Brandy Lime juice &c.ª cont. 24 Gall.
1. Box of Sugar cont. 1: 2:
1. Box of Oatmeal, Ginger Bread &c.ª
1. Box of Wine, cont. 2 Dozen of Bottles
2. Chests of Beer. cont. 2 Gross
2. Cheeses covered with Lead
2. Trunchs of Cloths Linnen & Tobacco
2. Little Boxes of Portugueze Testam.ts and other portugueze Books for Mr. Stevenson one of the Chaplains
1 Ditto for Mr Long another Chaplain

537. 2qrs 7. of Ls. ss. of 8/

The Tunnage of the above Goods is computed to be about 4/ Tons.

The Bulk is much larger than Expected occasiond in great Measure by the Misfortune of the Jane Frigate, And is with great Difficulty that the ffreight is asked of the Hon: Compª after they have condescended so much as they have in favour of the Protestant Mission, but the greatest part is what relates to the printing Affair and being all Straight necessary

Necessary and a Charge once for all, the benefit of which may reach to many Generacons in the Companies Territoryes It is humbly hoped they will be pleased to grant that the Materials for Printing be freighted on board such of their Ships as can best receive them consistent with the Interest of the Company and that the three Passengers with their Necessaryes be suffered to Imbark on board the King William. ~

If this Proposal does not Consist with the Company's ... Inclinations, that they would be pleased to Signifie the Quantity which they will permitt to be Exported And the Persons concern'd will Consider how to Contract the Bulk Accordingly. /

It must be com'd that there is another Chest of Beer not .... included in the above Account which is a present from the Persons Concerned to Capt. Wimler, but he having Signifyed that he is ashamed to ask Leave of the Company to carry it having already taken up the proporcon allowed him, and that he must of necessity refuse it unless ye Company will please to allow it among the Charitable Cargoe.

The persons concerned are under the same difficulty of asking any more of the Company, and Submitt it to their Honours Consideracon to permitt or not permitt it to be Ship'd. /

NB The above Memorand was presented to the Court of Directors at the E. India house by M^r the 9 of January 1712/3 being laid before them by Mr Dawsonne, and after 'twas read, tho' the Company's Ships were Crowded so that they could not receive their own Goods they were pleased to Order that all the Goods therein mentioned shou'd be Ship'd on board such Ships as the Shipping Comittee should direct, and they accordingly directed all the Printing Materials on board the Frederick, And the three Passengers with their Necessaryes on board the King William.

Letty Stranc Westm.
9th Jany. 1712

To the honble Sr Jonathan Andrews

Worthy Sir

The Happiness of being in the same Comission with yor. Self as Justice of the Peace in this County and the antient Acquaintance and friendship between Sr. Thomas Grantham your father in Law (to whom also as Gentleman of the Queens Bed Chamber I am also related) and my late father, Emboldens me to request your favour in a matter which Mr. Newman the Bearer shall propose to you, to which if you please to Comply, you will not only oblidge me always to return any service to you and yours, but you will also very much oblige Several Lords Temporal and Spiritual and other Persons of Quality all hearty Churchmen, who are great Encouragers of the Malabar Mission in which matter one of the Least that is concerned is

Yo. most Obedient humble Servt.

John Chamberlayne

To The Rev.d M.r Barth.s Ziegenbalg
one of the Danish Missionarys at
Tranquebar in the East Indies,

Vir Reverende.

Ut ea quæ ex India Orientali de progressu tuo accipimus, nunquam non grata nobis sunt & audita jucunda; ita non possumus, quin hac occasione te certiorem de hoc reddamus, et uberiorem supremi Numinis benedictionem adurgendum, quod cæpisti opus, adprecemur. Dn. Plutschovius, qui Elapso Mens. Novembr. ad Magnæ Britanniæ oras salvus adpulit, obstacula varia & Difficultates, quæ te ac Comilitones tuos circumstant, exposuit nobis. Dolemus quod multi ex illis, qui Christi Nomen præ se ferunt, propagando Christi Evangelio vel ipsi obicem ponere non erubescunt: Sed hæc sunt tempora, in qua divina providentia nos reservavit, & quæ non nisi divina Gratia .... emendari possunt et preparari. Speramus interim Daniæ Regem, postquam fata vestra resciverit, autoritate sua ~~vestra~~ regia vobis non defuturum; quo sub ipsius auspicijs cæpta ad Indas Missio in meliorem tandem emergat statum, et feliciori posthac pede progredi queat. Habetis omnium bonorum adhoc vota precesq. Ipsæ Divinæ promissiones de Gentium plenitudine Christo adhuc inserenda vos corroborent. Spiritus Christi, qui Spiritus est potentiæ, amoris et moderationis adversus varias Maligni oppositiones animum vobis addat & conservet inconcussum. Hoc modo agite, ut Conscientia pura, amor sincerus, humilitas non fucata, rerum hujus Seculi contemptus, verbo; Conversatio Evangelio Christi digna, ex tota vestra vita omnibusq. actionibus reluceat. Credite validissimum hoc fore argumentum dissipendi aliorum obtrectationes, et non modo paganos, sed ipsos etiam Christianos sub ...

Christiani

Christiani nominis larva Ethnicam agentes vitam, de Vocationis vestræ veritate convincendi. Novum Testamentum opera vestra in Malabaricum idioma transfusum, & manu (si ita loqui licet) Exscriptum, hic vidimus: Et cum Typographus ad ipsam Impressionem accingendo ad vos deprapperet, accipite ex manu nostra munus aliquod Charactereum, eum in finem oblatum, ut sine remora imprimendi laborem aggredi queatis et perficere. Valete. DEUS conatibus vestris adspiret.!

Subscripsit Societatis nomine

Londini: d: 31 Decembr V:S 1712.

J: N

To the Reverend Mr. Lewis & Willm Jennings Esq. at Fort St. George

Whitehall 31 Decr. 1712

Gentlemen.

My last to you were Severally of the 19 of Xber 1711. by 4. Marlborough, a Duplicate of which Accompanys this. Since then 4 Society have the Satisfacon of hearing of Yo. Welfare, and hope by the next return of Ships from Madras to hear from you, in answer to such particulars as they would gladly have your Thoughts upon. They hope the Jane Frigate is ere now safely ... arrived And that the Printing press paper &c. which were ... ransomd by Gov. Collett are Delivered to you, Mr Collet has no doubt informd you of his drawing on a Member of the Society for

for 150 pound as the ransom of them which he Supposed to be half the prime Cost, and so it would have been had the Peices of 8/ & the other things sent in that Ship been saved, but by his & Mr Finck's Account of what is Saved the prime Cost did not amount to above . . £ S d
120: -: 9 as you will See by the Estimate below the particulars of which are given to the German Printer now going over, however the Society being thoroughly convinced of the good Intentions of Gov.r Collet, and being advised from Mr Finck of the many Civilities he had receed from him during the voyage to Brazil, and in Cons.e of his giving him and them passage and Freight free the Rem.r of the voyage to India, came to a Resolucon to pay Mr. Collet's Rice of 150 pounds upon condicon any responsible Pson or Psons would become Security to refund such part of it in proportion as should hereafter be abated in the whole Ransome to the East India Company and the Owners, there being some Likelihood that the Captors wo.d yield to make an Abatement since the Company had refused to pay the Ransom on their parts as Exorbitant: But no person here thinking it proper to give such Security for money which they were imediately to pay out of their hands, the matter lyes in Suspence till the Society Understand what Agreement the Company & the Captors make, But in the mean time the Society being informed that Mr. Collets Son who was Hostage in France, stood in need of a Supply for his Subsistance, they advanced 30 pounds & Since that another 30 pounds to be remitted to him. If the Jane Frigat be Safe arrived you will hear of the Death of Mr. Finck soon after Mr. Collet left the Coast of Brazil, a loss not easily to be repaired considering the Capacity of the Man & the affecon he had to the good Work he was sent upon —/

the Society upon Advice of this made Enquiry for a proper Person to Succeed him, and have some hopes they will prevail with a Person in the Country of whom they have an Extraordinary Character to goe in Quality of a Missionary or Schoolmaster, But the Fleet now going being soe near their departure, it was Impossible for him to be ready to embrace this Opportunity, And therefore if God please you will goe nigh to see him and perhaps another by the next Fleet.

Since the Society could not be so happy as to send over a person on this Service now, they are very much pleased to find that the East India Company have been disposed to send over 3 Chaplains to their Garrisons at Fort St George, Fort St. Davids, & Bengal, who they hope will do what they can to facilitate the propagating Christianity in their Several Stations, and for that end have desired a Correspondence with them, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Long have each of them a Box of 50 Portugueze Testaments to be used as you and they shall think most Advisable with an addition of a Brief Instruction adapted to the use of Children and as many Copies Single. This was drawn up by the Reverend Mr. Plutscho during his short Stay here, and printed off hastily to save the passage in this fleet, so that some faults must be allowed for which must in all Likelihood have escaped the press. In each of the Boxes there is put up half a dozen Sermon Books in the Portugueze Language not for the Sake of the Doctrines contained in them but to Enable the Missionaryes as well Danish as English who may desire the use of them to Acquire the portugueze Language more perfectly./

The Excellent Mr. Professor Frank at Hall in Germany who has from the beginning had a great share in promoting the Protestant Mission to Tranquebar, continues to have the same very much at heart, and has recomended Mr. Berlin a Schoolma. & Mr. Adler a Printer with a Youth his Bro. to the Society, to procure a passage for them in this fleet, and at their request the Hon.ble Company have generously granted them leave to Embark on y.e King William passage and Freight free so far as concerns the Comp.a They carry with them a Font of Malabarick Types wch they brought from Germany and the Society have presented them with 75. Ream of paper for fear the former Paper may be .... damnified or should not be sufficient to answer their Expectations. As to the place of fixing the printing press the Society leave it to y.r prudence in Concert with Mr. Ziegambalg &c.a of y.e Danish Missionaryes to set it up where it may be most Secure and best answer the ends for which it is sent, and if Madras should be .... thought the properest place for it, the Society desire you will ... recomend it to the Honble President and Council to permit it, but if it be thought most proper to send it to Tranquebar, that then you would be pleased to Deliver it to Mr. Ziegambalg &c.a of the Danish Missionaryes together with the paper and all the printing Materials belonging thereto. ~

The Society were much Surprized to hear from the East India Company the Character that was given the Missionaryes from the President and Council at Fort St. George in their Letter by the Deborowre But when they Compared those Advices w.th Others which they recd by the late fleet they were fully Satisfy.d that

that they were Originally Owing to the Misrepresentations of the Governor of Tranquebar: But his Danish Majesty having given fresh Assurances of his protecon, and that the Governors hereof shall be Enjoyned to Countenance and Encourage this Mission It is hoped the Animosities between the Danish Governor and the Missionaryes will Vanish, And in Case they do not The English E. India Company have been pleased to promise them protecon if they shall be forced to retire into any part of their Territoryes, & The Society doubt not of Your readiness to interpose Do Good Offices in their behalf, if ever any such thing should happen. —

As to the best Measures for carrying on this Mission to any Considerable Degree The Society must remain undetermined till they can be so happy as to have your Advices thereon, only thus far they are agreed to begin with laying the Foundacon of a Seminary at Fort St George, and if that Succeed they will be Encouraged to go on, and will be better Acquainted with the Steps they are to take. /

It seems to be on all hands agreed that the Indian Children are as Capable of Instrucon and large Attainments in Learning as any of the Europeans And that these as they grow up will find easier Access to their own Countrymen than the most Learned Europeans could Expect. If this be so it may be hoped that a few persons sent from hence well Qualified for all useful Instrucon may soon form a Nursery for Catechists and Schoolmasters.

The Society having sent over formerly some few Books towards founding a Lending Library at Fort St. George & intending to add more as Occasions offer, which may in time bee the

beginning

beginning be small, grow to be considerable In order therefore to prevent the Embezlemt. of them, and yet to render them easie of Access to such persons as are disposed to peruse them it is recommended to you and the other Corresponding Members to appoint such Regulations for preserving them, as you & they... shall think fitt. And that you would be pleased to procure such Press or Presses for their Security as may be thought requisite, out of the first money that shall come to Yo. hands from the Society. And if Rules in the like Cases observed here may be of any use to you there are herewith Sent a Specimen of them Out of which you may perhaps draw some which you may think proper to be observed with you, Upon which head I have only to add that it is the Intention of the Society That all Protestant Missionaryes of wt Nation soever they be, have freely the use of these Books under such Restricons as you shall think proper./

I Commending you to the protecon of the Almighty I remain with all possible respect

Gentlemen

Yo. most Obedient humble Servt.

H: Newman

Gentlemen. Jan.y 16: 1712/3.

The King William being fitted up before We could get a board the Company was pleased to order the paper and ... Malabarick Types &c.a on board the Frederick Capt. Phrip Comand And the Passengers with their Necessarys on board the King william. There goes with the Company's Treasure on board the Frederick 537 rd 7: in peices of 8/ sealed up in two Baggs marked B:Z No 1:2. being the produce of money remitted from Professor Frank for the Danish Missionarys. ~

An Invoice of the Goods ransomed on board the Jane Frigate

		£	s	d
100	Ream of paper at 8 p Ream	40		
	Utencils for the press and a Cask of Oyl	20	5	9
	Press Types &c.a	51	15	—
250	St Matthews Gospel in portuguese	5		
	Little Books in English from Mr Downing	5		
		£ 120		9

The marks & Contents of the parcells Ransomed.

FF No 1. 56 Ream of paper
2. 44 Ditto and 500 weight of Types
3. A printing press
4. A Box of printing Materials
5. A Box of Pres and parchments
6. A Barrell of Oyl
7. A Box of Books
9. Ditto for Mr. Lewis.

London 2 ffeby 1712.

To the Governor and Council
at Fort St George —

Gentlemen —

The Society for promoting Christian Knowledge have been encouraged by the Success of the Danish Missionaryes at Tranquebar not only to give them some Assistance but even to Endeavour that the like attempts for propagating Christianity might be made in the British Territorys in India And therefore they have Addressed to the Honble the India Comys as Occasions offer'd, to favour them herein, and must always thankfully Acknowledge that they have been very kind in Complying with the requests that have been made to them in order to that End And in Confidence of the like Success — We whose Names are Subscribed, Members of the Sd Society and some of us known to the Honourable Governor & Council at Fort St George take this Opportunity of recommending this useful Designe to yor Patronage & Encouragement: wherein We need not assure you We can have no other View then the Glory of God & the good of Mankind./

We are very sensible that there are many Difficultyes yt will attend the first Essays in a Work of this Nature But since it pleased God by various Methods before the coming of our Saviour, to prepare the way for that swift progress of Christianity which followed it, who can tell but the present Enlarged Comerce, which has penetrated into the remotest

Comerce

Corners of the Earth, may be the means which wise Providence has appointed to facilitate the opening a Glorious Scene of the Christian Church in those parts. ~

Tis not very probable that we may live to see this happy time, But if God please to put it in our Power to contribute towards it, we should think Ourselves inexcuseable as well as unworthy to see it, if we should neglect so Honourable an Advantage: We therefore hope that you have the same Sentiments with us in this matter, and that you will with pleasure be the Instruments of so much Good as will reflect from opening a Door to the Heathen World for the Reception of Christianity. ~

The Persons employ'd in this Work must be Men of ---- exemplary Meekness and Candour, as well as eminent in other X:tian Qualifications. So that if they are not protected by the Civil Magistrate in the discharge of their Functions, they will of Course be insulted, & their Labours will be ineffectual; It is therefore our humble and Earnest request to you that you would be pleased to Countenance and Encourage the Persons who are sent to India on this great occasion. ~

The Society have by their Secry Signified to Mr Jennings and Mr Lewis what they have done by this Fleet and what they propose to do by the next as God shall Enable them. And we hope the Addresses of our Correspondents to you in relation to the protestant Mission will always find Acceptance. ~

We shall

We shall be very thankfull for any Advices you may please to give us for the more Effectual prosecuting this Design, in order to be laid before the Society, and assure you that we shall not be wanting to doe on this side of the World, what lyes in our power to render it prosperous./

We heartily Comend you to the Protecon and Favour of Heaven and remain with great Respect.

Gentlemen

Approvd by ye Comittee 2. Feb.

Yo. most humble Servants

E: Jennings
Rob: Nelson
Henry Hoare
J: Chamberlayne
Thomas Greene
Whit: Bulstrode
Tho: Bromfield
Chris: Appleby
Robt Hearne
Henry Loribond
Frid. Bonet Resdt. for the King of Prussia.

Geo: Wheler
J Pelling. D:D
W: Stratford: D:D.
Wh: Kennett
Ja: Wendey.

Tho: Chichester
P. St. Davids } Bpps
Jo: Landaff

Guilford
Eli: Wentworth
R: Cotton
J Laugharne
J: Conyns
Wm Fanez
Robt Marsham Bart.
Tho. D'Aeth. } Membrs of Parliam.

To Mr. Jennings & Mr. Lewis

Whitehall 3 Feb: 1712

Gentlemen

I here enclose the Copy of a Lre which several Members of the Society have signed recomending the Protestant Mission in the Indies to the favour and Protection of the Govr. & Council at Fort St. George. I hope the Society will be able by the next Fleet to send persons of our own Nation to be employed in this Service, and that they will be such as will answer Yor. Expectacon; I have wrote largely to you already by this Fleet, and will therefore only repeat my wishes of all manner of prosperity to you and the Mission, and remain

Gent.

Yor. most obedient humble servt.

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I have added the Characters of some of the subscribers for the sake of such as may happen not to be known in Yor. parts.

My most humble service to Governor Harrison.

Extract of a Clause out of the General Lre from Fort St. George Dated 20 August & 1 Septr. 1711 received by the Bouverie.

Paragrd 172 Wee have granted leave to one of the Danish Missionaryes to Embark on your Ship Drakeville and have denyed another at the request of the Governor of Trinconbar, rather than embroyl our selves in their disputes We have goodgrounds to tell Your Honours that this Mission is an Imposicon upon the Credulous, who feed them with money. Which by the best Accot. we can gett is imployed in use for different from what the well disposed Givers design, We mention this to put a Stop to the Collecons in England for this Affaire, not doubting but the money may be better employed at home.

To Mr. Tho: Woolley Secry to the East India Company —

Whitehall 10 Xber: 1712.

Dear Sir.

I am obliged I beg you would thank those worthy Gentn of the Com.a for their indulgence yesterday, that they so patiently heard what I had to offer in behalf of the Missionaryes from Denmarke. I shall be glad if what I had the Honour to represent to them has removed the ill Impressions that might possibly have happened upon the Advices sent from Fort St. George.

Give me leave only to add some Accot. of the Labours of those Missionaryes, by which the Honble Company may judge whether they they have been Idle, or could have any Secular Views in favour of themselves.

To Qualifye themselvod for their Mission, they have Acquired the Knowledge of the Portugueze and Malabar Languages without the usual helps of Grammar or Dictionary, a Case neither easy nor Agreeable.

They have Translated the New Testament intirely into Malabarick which is now sent to Europe to be printed in the Character of that Country.

They have made a Dictionary for the Portugueze and Malabar Languages, which is alsoe sent to Europe to be printed.

They have been obliged to Supply the Want of Printed Books for their Schools by Transcribing many Porcons of Scripture both in Malabarick and Portugueze and teaching others to write them for the Children to Learn by heart.

They have under Innumerable Difficultyes formd two Charity Schools one for Malabarian the other for Portugueze Children, who are all fed, Cloathed and taught the principles of the Christian Religion, and some of them give great hopes of their being in time Qualifyd for Catechists, Schoolmrs &c.

Now can it be Imagined that those Gentlemen who have given such proofes of their Industry and Discretion in the Work they were

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sent about should have any Intrigue to suppose or their Endeavours any one Article that I have mentioned above, may be justly allowed Worthy of all the Encouragemt. that has been given them. /

I can't but observe further that there is not one Instance given to support the Imputations laid to their Charge, and that at the time those advices were wrote at Fort St. George, not one penny of the Collection made in England was come to their hands, and 'tis not easie to be Comprehended how they could Misapply that, of which they were never possest. ~

As to the Controversie between the Governor of Tranquebar and the Missionaryes, that matter will be fully represented to his Majtie of Denmark and by the Gracious Assurances he has already given 'tis not to be doubted but he will do them Justice, and then 'twill appear whether the Governor had not reason to use all his Interest with the English Governmt. to Obstruct any one of the Missionaryes coming home to tell their Grievances. ~

I shall be very glad to wait on yr Honble Committee again, whenever you shall be pleased to Signifie their Commands to.

Sr

Yo. most Obliged
humble Servt.

Henry Newman

P.S. I shall be glad to be Acquainted with that Clergy man whom Mr Davisonne was pleased to recommend, yt is going to India in yr Honours Service.

Rd. Thorold. 11th. Nov. Dr.
at Prendergast Pembrokesh.

Rd. Cath. Hastings London
21. Feb. 1712/3

It is with much pleasure that the Society —
observe that though Pembrokesh be one of the Smallest
Countys in South Britain, that it outvies most of the
Larged Countys in Number of Charity Schools.

This the Society are very Sensible is much owing
to the Zeal of their Worthy Members in that County, &
particularly to the Charitable and Generous Encouragemt.
which many Places have had from the Honble. S.r John
Philipps, Who his Modesty will permit nothing of it
to be attributed to him.

And upon this occasion I think my self obliged
to acquaint You, that Whereas it Has been insinuated
by some persons in Pembrokshire that S.r John has
had a Fund from the Society for giving the Encou-
ragemt he Has done Yearly to this good work
I can assure you that in all the time I have had
the Honour to serve the Society, and by the Treasurers
Accounts which I have by me from the beginning
of it, it does not appear that ever the Society con-
tributed any money towards the Erecting or Supporting
those Schools. But that from the Founda-
tion of the Society it appears that S.r John has
been a most Liberal Contributor to their designs
in London and other parts of the Kingdom.

Although S.r John may not be solicitous

to

to undeceive the Persons that have been Imposed upon by
Suggestion, so he sees the happy Fruits of his Charity,
Yet I am sure the Society would never be pleased to
have the Reputation of such a Report at the Expence
of Truth and a Detraction so Injurious to one of
their Excellent Members.

It is therefore recommended to yo Prudence to take
occasions of removing this Conceit where you
find it has prevailed, that those that feel the
Benefit of S.t Johns Charity may know to Whom
under God they owe their Grateful Acknowledgm.ts

I have Signifyed thus much to the Rev.d M.r Ley
of Rose Crowther not that I believe either he
or you want to be Satisfyed Herein, but that it may
be in your Power to do justice to one of the greatest
Benefactors in the County to this good Work.

To M.r John Killingbeck
Vicar of Leeds - Yorkshire

Ye 25: ffebry 1712/3

Sr

The Society are glad to Understand that there is a disposition
in some worthy Gentlemen of your Neighbourhood to form a Society for
Encouraging Reformacon by putting the Laws in Execucon ag.t Vice & Immorality, &
tho' that be a province which the Society have not made a direct branch of their
designs Yet as it tends very much to the Honour and Interest of Religion, they can
but ~~reach~~ rejoyce in the Efforts which many good Men have made in the K.dom
and particularly in this City for that End. And therefore they hope and desire you
will be pleased as Occasion offers to Countenance any Endeavours towards so
good a Work. That M.r Robinson and M.r Thoresby who are Corresponding
Members will also be pleased to Concurr with you therein, and it is desired that
you will recomend it to them to impart their good offices for promoting such
a design as they shall find proper Occasions.

Mr Edwards's Opinion concerning Mr Glovers Legacy to Old Swinford in Worc: sent to Dr Hallifax 10 March 1712/13 in Mrs Lolus Letter from Old Swinford the 26 Janry No: 3441.

Upon perusal of the Deed of Trust and the Clauses of Mr Glover's Will therein recited and of Dr Hallifax's Letter thereto relating Shewing that the particular sumes allotted for teaching the Children, buying Books &c are not Sufficient to defray those Charges. It seems to me that the Trustees may apply wt is Necessary for the respective purposes in the Will altho such moneys Exceed the particular sumes allotted: first because it all along appears to be the Testators Intent that Six boys should be taught and yt they should have Necessary Books &c. Which intent is more to be regarded (It seems to me) than those Clauses which Limitt the particular Expences when such Expences will not answer the End proposed by them.

2. Because no particular sume is Limitted to the relief of poor Familys but only the residue of the profitts is directed that way This Devise of the Residue further shews that the Testators Intent was to have the Charity to the Children first Served Had there been any particular sume limitted to the other Charity and that Fund was not Sufficient for both Then I think the Trustees should have abated of each Charity in proporcon But I don't think there is any roome for such Interpretacon in the present Case.

Nevertheless inasmuch as the residue of the profitts are directed to be applyed with the Advice of the parson Church Warden, and overseers of the poor And that such direccon may give them a handle hereafter to find fault with the Govrs applying more to the Boys Educacon than the Will expressly allows It seems advisable that the Govern. should procure an order of the Vestry for their applying so much more as will be necessary to be added to make the allowances in the Will Sufficient for the purposes intended and that such Additional sumes be Expressed in such Order.

It is observable that by this Will and the Deed which is made in pursuance thereof that the Trustees for this Charity are now the same 8 persons who are the Governors of K: Edwards School And that Mr Glovers Charitys are to be all along directed and managed by ye Sd Governors. Yet that the Number of Trustees or of such persons as have the Legal Estate being not to be filled up till they are reduced to three. It will fall out in time by the Elecon of Governors as they dye That Mr Glovers Charity will come to be managed by 4 or 5 persons who will have no right to take the profitts of the Estate Therefore it seems that this should all along be to for reentred as that none be permitted to meddle with the profitts but such only as have yt Estate in them least they who have the Estate come to answer for ye Nonapplicon or Misapplicacon of such who tho their Means or neglect take them.

March 12: 1712/13 Mrs Jennings declared that the Court in this opinion of Dr Hallifax's and the Deduction accompanying it in regard the Trustees cannot take security exceed the sums directed by the Testators Will for the maintenance of the poor Boys Children and Grandchildren of the Company to the Company to the Company to

A Copy of the Letter approving of Mr. G
to be Schoolmaster at St. Ffells in Pembr
=shire enclosed to Mr. James Philipps at Ten
the 21st. April.

Sr.

Missing you Yesterday makes me give you this Trouble of this, Mr. Barlow
and my self, think no man fitter for this School at St. Ffells than Mr Griffith
this Minister there, knowing him to be a Worthy honest Well principled . . .
Clergyman; and as such We can and will recomend him to my Lord Bp
of St. Davids. If you see his Lordship before We doe; pray let my Lord
know that's our Opinion of him, and therefore desire he may have
his Lordships order for that School. I am

19th April 1713 Sr. Your very humble Servt.

J Laugharne

To Mr. Henry Newman
at Whitehall.

Indors'd

I Approve of Mr. Griffies. to be Schoolma. of St.
Ffells -

A. St Davids

21 April 1713.

To Mr. Jones at Laugharne in Carmarthensh: to be
to be left at the House of Mr. James Bevan.
23 May 1713.

Reverd. Sir.

The Gentlemen concernd in Promoting this Protestant Mission to the East Indies, having been inform'd that you had some Intentions to visit London, they have directed me to acquaint you that they shall be Extreamly glad to see you, in order to confer with you about such further means as shall be thought Conducive to the Advancemt. of their design

They are glad to understand that you have the Success of that Mission so much at Heart, and hope your Prayers will Contribute to render it prosperous.

'Tis a Work that requires many Heads and Interests united to promote it, and whatever Low Opinion you may be pleased to have of your Self. the Gentlemen concernd, will very much Value your Advice therein. And 'tis very probable that you will be able to Suggest many things in an Affair to which your Affections have been so much Engaged.

I shall be glad to hear from you of the Continuance of your Intentions and to know when you begin Yor. Journey, that I may be able to acq.t those Gent.n. by what time they may God permitting it, have the pleasure of seeing you. So recommending my Self to Yor. Prayers, I remain Sr &c

H. N

Care has been taken to Enquire out a Lodging for you & there may be a room had at Mr. Osmonds a Plumber over agst. the Golden Falcon in Fetter Lane, where the Revernd Mr. Mackbath Lodg'd, who was formerly at Hall in Saxony.

M.r Professor Francke at Hall in Saxony.

14 July 1713.

Most Rev.d Sir

I had sooner Answerd your Obliging Letter of the 26.th Febry if I had not daily Expected some Tidings of our Friends in the East Indies, or of those in the way thither to be communicated at the same time, but having wailed so long without any Advices from either, I am ashamed to defer the Acknowledgements due to so great a favour any Longer

I Communicated that kind Letter to the Society, all but what related to my self, (which I could not read without Blushing for my own Demerits) and receivd their Comands to return you their most hearty Thanks for the very great Share you have in Promoting the Protestant Mission to the East Indies, and acknowledge, that next to the Blessing of God they owe in a manner their own Efforts to your Pious and Laudable Example.

The History of the Hospital at Glaucha has fill'd Europe with the Fame of Your inimitable Zeal & Charity, but not Content with the Success of so unprecedented an Enterprize, you are now Labouring to fill Asia with the Evangelick Light, and bid fair to allure as many Protestant Countrys to Joyn with you in it, as you have pre= =vail'd upon to be Contributors to the wonderful foundations at Glaucha. Nor does the Progress hitherto made give less reason to hope that the same Divine Blessing which has so signally Accompany'd one Design, will also go along with & Support the other.

The Reverend M.r Boehm has I presume sent you an Acc.t of the Steps that have been taken here from the Beginning.

I am glad to assure you that the Zeal & affection of the

Society

Society who have Espoused this Promoting this Mission is not abated by any Misfortunes they have hitherto met with, and that they are constantly pursuing as their other Affairs will allow them all the most likely measures to advance it.

The greatest difficulty they have to Struggle with, is to find Missionarys Endowd with apostolick Qualifications whose Friends will not oppose their going to so remote apart of the World, not to say, that even good men whose Inclinations strongly induce them to the service, find it hard to disengage themselves from the Ties and Endearments to their Native Country.

A very worthy Person has been Recommended to the Society to be sent as a Missionary, with whom they are now Treating, and hope it will not be long ere I may be able to inform you of his having Undertaken this Service. But alas what is two or three Labourers in so great a harvest!

In Truth the Erecting Seminaries in India Seems every day more, to be the most Effectual way to obviate this Difficulty, Especially when, as the Missionarys tell us, the Natives have a Wonderful Sagacity to Acquire Knowledge, and 'tis certain they will always have easier Access to their own Countrymen than it can be Expected Europeans Should

The Society have therefore great hopes that Mr. Schultze's Timothy may in time be the Spiritual Father of many Timothys and if two or 3. more of so promising a Genius were brought from India by a careful hand, what might not be Expected from their United Labours after a due Education, & return to their own Country, beside that by this means the great difficulty of Learning Languages to a perfection Necessary to preach in them, would be intirely Avoided.

But the finding Expedients to obviate all Difficultys must be left to time, and the wise Providence of God who will

make all things Subservient to his Glory, ths it were by Mirac

See the latter end of the 5th Dog. Sermons of the 10 Vol. of his Posthum. Sermons Pa: 157. & 279.

Our late Excellent Prelate A.B. Tillotson [x] seemd to be of Opinion that whenever the fulness of the Gentiles should be brought in, that in order to it the same Powers which the Apostles were Endowd with should once more be given to frail Men.

I hope it will not be long ere I may have the pleasure of saying more on this Subject. In the mean time be pleased to accept of the last Edition of the Account of Charity Schools in this Kingdom, with a Sermon prefix'd by an Eminent Prelate at the last Anniversary meeting of our Charity Schools in and about London.

I cannot omit observing that as much as the People of this Kingdom are at this time unhappily divided in other things they seem resolved to agree in Promoting this Design, as if they were led by some Divine Impulse to prepare the way for a much better Generation of Men than the present.

I Earnestly beg Yo. Prayers for a Blessing on the Consultations &c of the Society, and that you would be pleased to allow him a Share in them, who is with the most profound respect

Dr Bray. Mr. Chamberlayne & Mr. Hoare desire you would accept of their most humb: service } Rev. Sir &c.

Henry Newman

21. July 1713.

Since Writing the above, I am glad to add that I have recd Letters from the Excellent Missionarys at Tranquebar, and a Packet for you which Mr Boelim takes Care of. I have herewith sent a Copy of their Letter to y Society, and a Translation of that to me because the Original is in high Dutch, and therefore not so easily Transcribed by an English Hand.

If Mr. Clutscho be at Hall pray give my most humble Service to him, & Assure him that I shall be glad to hear of him and his Timothy's Welfare as often as occasion presents.

I have also inclosed a Copy of good Mr. Jennings's Letter to me from Fort St George who I am glad to find very heartily Espouses y Interest of y Missionarys.

The Dartmouth is not yet arrived, And therefore I have not recd the Letters coming by Her, but daily Expect them.

The following is ye Preface to a Letter write to Profess^r^ Relandus in Holland August. 17. 1713.

Most Rever^d^ Sir

I am ordered by the Society for Promoting Christ^n^ Knowledge to thank you in their Names for the most Edifying Acco^t^ you was pleased to give them by the hands of Mr Elyzeus in May last of the Progress of ye Protestant Missionaryes in the Dutch Territoryes in the East Indies whose Pious Example it is wished may be imitated by other Nations.

I hope it may not be long before I may be able to send you some Account of what has been done by the English in those parts and in the mean time am to Acquaint you that the Society desire you wo^d^ be pleased to accept of being a Corresponding Member, and to Concurr with them in the Prosecution of their designs by such Methods as are agreeable to the Laws of the Country where you live and the X^n^ Faith

P. S. S^r^ I have taken the liberty to write to you in English because I am informed you understand it but you may be pleased to reply to me in Latin or French as you shall think fit. I have sent herewith 3. Lines which I have Copy'd from a Chinese MSS. brought from ye containing an Account of the Religion & Philosophy of the Heathen Chinese & desire to be Communicated but I cannot get them read with any Person in England that can interpret it. I should be glad to know whether you [illegible] the Language & if you do, whether you think it [illegible] to have it Printed

I am Sr Your most humble & most obedient Servant W. Burrough of Trusham in Devon.

13. Augt 1713

Rever^d^ Sir

In Answer to yours of the 17th of the last Month. I am ordered by the Society to Acquaint you, that there has been nothing discovered to the Society that should call the Truth and Sincerity either of Mr Nicholson or his Work in Question, and they are Concerned, that any Report should be made against him, to the Prejudice of that good Undertaking. The Progress that has been made therein is as follows, there are printed off.

6000. Common Prayer Books in English & Irish
6000. Church Catechisms Single. And.
6000. Lewis's Exposition thereof in English & Irish

Several Thousand Copies of these have been already sent to Ireland, and the Highlands of Scotland, where 'tis hoped they may do much good. I am to Thank you in the Name of the Society for the Benefactions

you have procured towards it, which I suppose were remitted with
sent up by the Reverend Mr. King and whatever further Encouragem
you shall please to procure for it will be also very thankfully accepted.

I remain with great respect

Sr

Approv'd by the Comtee
. August 13. 1713.

Yo. &c.
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To the Reverend Mr Cary —
Minr of Temple parish Bristol

8: 7ber 1713.

I receiv'd Yo. Ere of the 19th past and communicated it to the Society,
who were very much concerned at the difficultys you mention which obstruct
the increase of Yor Charity Schools at Bristol.

You that are upon the Spot are undoubtedly best Judges of the
means of Overcoming them, and what Steps have been usually taken by
the Society in such Cases. The Revd Mr Shute will be able to inform you

The Society have observed that Charity Schools have seldom flourish
where the Ministers of the Parish have not Concurr'd in promoting them
much less can it be Expected that a New School, depending on precarious
Benefactions should subsist where the Minr directly oppos'th it.

If this be the Case with you (as I hope it is not) no wonder that Dr
Hall's and Mr Colston's offers have been Slighted, and there is no hopes yt
any Charity of that kind will ever take place under such Discouragem.ts
but what is so large as to Support it self without being beholden to the Good
offices of any in the Neighbourhood.

Yor Predecessor the Revd Mr Redford gladly laid hold of the
Encouragements he could get for Erecting a School in Temple

His

parish, and no doubt the good that has been done there, has abundantly satisfyed the promoters of it; so that one would have thought that the Example of yor Parish might ere now have induced others to use the same endeavours when they find ye Blessing of God so ready to accompany them in this good work

You have this to Comfort you, that you have a worthy Bishop Entring upon the Charge of yor Diocese, who there is great reason to believe is a hearty well Wisher to the Design, and will leave noe opportunity unimproved to promote it that comes within his power You will receive in yor Packet his Excellent Sermon on y Subject of Charity Schools, which has given great Encouragemt to this good Undertaking, & if his Fatherly advise be not followed there I need not say what they will have to answer for. that shall despise or Neglect it. I am

Revd Sr

Yor &c

H Newman

Yor Packet will be deliv. as you desire

To the Reverend Mr. Griffith Jones at Laugharne in Carmar.

The Concern you are under at present about a sure and certain knowledge of the Will of God, is a Concern comon to all those that have begun to study the very first and initial Lesson of the Christian Religion, I mean the great Duty of Self Resignation to the Divine Will. If We follow the Lord in whatever We undertake, We have then the promise, he will Guide us with his Eye; and if We run before him, We must needs fall into many ... dangers and Untroden Byways and lose our selves at last in the Devices of our own heart. The Difficulty you labour under to gain a sweet Serenity of Mind about the Removal from a Place, where you see the Seed of the Gospell Spring up, to another that lyeth altogether Barren and Uncultivated as yet, is so far from being Blamed, that it deserveth the Comendation of those that are in any Degree Acquainted with the work of the Ministry in General, and the Weight of a Mission in particular.

Any one that Ventureth upon so Hazardous an Enterprize without a safe Compass to steer by, may easily be cast away, in the Ocean of many Unknown Temptations that are like to beset him. Whoever intendeth to Build that Tower, and doth not first Sit down and Count the Cost, whether he have wherewithal to finish it, will be Laught at by the Spectators, as a man of no sence and forecast. He that will blow up that fire, which the Lord is come to send upon Earth, must not attempt it with the breath of his own Indiscreet Zeal, lest he blow up Strange fire which the Lord Comanded him not. And he that will put forth his hand to take hold of the Ark of God, must be sure to do it regularly and with a pure Hand, lest he himself Dye by that Ark, which he designd to ... Support.

Now

Now to Manage so Momentous a matter with the Greater hope of Success, the Lord hath promised us the Spirit of power, of Love, and of a sound mind. Power maketh us bold, Love maketh us willing, and the Soundness of Mind maketh us prudent in the administration of the Misterys of ye Gospel. If one of these three Gifts of the Spirit be wanting, the whole Chain of the Ministerial Function falls to peices, and the whole undertaking must needs be unhinged in the most Considerable Branches of it. and who is Sufficient for these things!

In the first Ages of the Gospel, when Ministers, Pastors, Missionarys &c. in reality were what the Names by their original derivation do Import, it was not then very hard, to distinguish betwixt a true & Counterfeited Minister of the Gospel. None was willing to go on so troublesome an Errand, but he that was ready to Endure Hardship with the Gospel and to Expect no other reward here for dispensing the word of Salvation than Reproaches and Martyrdom. But as soon as in the nearer Ages.... Offices came to be turnd into Benefices, and painfull Labours into gainful Livings: Nature herself, tho no great Friend of the Rules of the Gospell, took up readily the Name of Christianity; and the Confession of Christ being thus applyed to Sinister Ends and purposes is no longer hated by the Enemy of Souls, nor is it now an Infallible Test of a true and Unfeigned Confessor.

All these Considerations, tho they may in some manner be useful to a Missionary, yet will they never be able to settle the Mind on a firm foundation. As it is God alone that must prepare us; soe 'tis God alone, who by a Divine Impression must convince us. I say, by a Divine Impression. Human Perswasions can at the best, beget but Human Convictions. As the Water cannot move higher than the Fountain of it; so a humane Perswasion let it come from never so good, Eminent, and able a Man, can carry a Man no farther, than to a humane Conviction. And how can I then pretend to raise a Divine Fabrick on the Shallow foundation of the Perswasion or advice of Men! and what should I doe, if I did meet with Cas in so arduous a time we must Suppose) many Unknown Trials Frights & Temptations both as to my Inward and Outward Conduct! Can I then say with a Holy Boldness of Faith: Lord thou hast sent me, and thou must helps me!

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But when I speak of a Divine Conviction, I do not undervalue at all my ... mutual Conference with Friends, and other such Helps as may be fetched from Souls Acquainted with the ways of Providence: For often is the Lord pleased to Convey to us the Knowledge of his Will, by the Voice of a Friend: But still I must know 'tis the Voyce of God that Speaks thrô my friend. Whenever ye meanest servant brings us the King's Order, we ought to Obey, But yet We must know 'tis the Kings order he brings. So Carefully ought We to distinguish betwixt the Word of God and the Work of Man in the Transactions of a Xtian Life, if Else We will Secure the Interest, Peace and Quiet of our Conscience against an Evil Day. And you may depend upon't, that the Gentlemen you are Acquainted with here, as so tender both of their own, and your Conscience that they will rather Stay till Your Mind is clearer determined, and the Difficultys removed, than see you move out of a Sphere with doubts & Anxiety, in which Providence hath visibly Seconded Your Endeavours, and rendred them Effectual towards the Conversion of some Souls.

I remember upon this Occasion, that when I was to Quitt my Native Country some years Agoe, & go into England, in order to set up a little School among my Countrymen here, it happened, that a Week before my departing, I had, what We call, a Benefitt offered me, with such a Salary as might have made my Life in the Way of the World easy & Comfortable enough: And it was then all on a sudden, that my Mind bent upon the intended Journey began to Waver. My Reason told me on one Hand; it was perhaps the Will of God, I should Stay where I was; why I should goe to a Country where I had hardly any Acquaintance at all, and thereby Expose my self to Trouble & Hardships, with many other frightful Suggestions of that Nature. on the other Hand I could not but be very Suspicious of all these Impressions that haunted me, as coming from no better principle than that of Corrupted Self Love's. Reason was not able to give the decisive Stroke in this matter. For as now after the Fall it is become a Weak and Unstable thing, so it can no more be depended upon than a Judge Corrupted by the Bribes of a Party. and tho it has some glimering Light left in it; Yet is even this put into so dark a Lanthorn, I mean a Selfish Heart, that I find it never safe to stir out of Doors with so Uncertain a Guide. When I was thus hem'd in on

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all Sides, not knowing where to fix, When accidentally, or rather by good Providence happened to light on the following passage in an old Practical Author: If thou art Labouring under many Doubts and perplexitys, and dost not know what to choose; then choose that, which is most against thy Natural Inclinations. No sooner did I read this, but my Mind was at ease All the Mist that hung about me, gave way, My Doubts like so many Fetters, dropt off, and I found my self after so many Tossings in a quiet & Serene Region, seeing as it were, the way beat out before me which I should go; and Reason it self the great Framer of Frightfull Ideas, not daring so much as offer to darken any more the Convincing power of that Light which so happily determined my Case.

I do not tell you this, as if it had run Paralell with Yo. Case Tis only in relation of the latter Branch thereof. I quote it; Viz.t to lett you see what I mean by a Divine Conviction, and with what Caze this is to be distinguished from the Perswasions, Laws, and Solicitations of Men in any Momentous Enterprize. We ought to hear the Advice of Men, and even of the meanest of our Fellow Creatures, particularly if he be a Friend of God himself; but the Applicatory Work is Still and only in the Hands of God by whom the External Light given by a Friend is Impressed both upon the Will and Understanding with a Divine Assurance, and thereby our ... Evidence rendred safe and Effectual on all Sides. Faith it self, you know, is of that Nature, that it never rests in General Promises; but must have every promise of the Gospel in particular appropriated to it self by a higher Being than Man is. If this applicatory Stroke whereby all Spiritual things are set home and made our own, be wanting, then the Gospel of Christ in all it's Riches and promises is like a Table Furnished with plenty of Choice and Exquisite dishes, but which I have no Liberty to tast off.

May the Lord teach us the Way which We shall walk in! May he grant us that Singleness of Eye, which constantly looks up to the main End, making all our desires uniform, and all our Actions of a peice. May he bestow upon us that filial Confidence, which sweetens all Inward & outward .... Difficultys of this Life and renders God himself an Amiable Object in all his ways & Dispensations! I remain in Sincerity.

London Sept: 22: 1713.

Yo.r humble Friend
& Servant
Anthony Will: Boehm

Communicated to the Comick
Sept: 22: 1713 - - - -

To the Reverend mr. Griffith Jones at Laugharn in Carmarthen.

Reverend Sir

When I consider the Nature and Importance of that Work proposed to you, which is no less than the bringing in the Gentiles into the Folds of Christ, and the Enlarging his Kingdom upon Earth, I am almost afraid to Intermeddle in this Affair being Conscious of my own Insufficiency, and of the Blindness of Humane Reason in the things of God: Yet since you have desired my advice among the rest: and that I have been likewise Required by the Gentlemen concerned to give my Thoughts in this matter; In Compliance with Your and their request, I shall Endeavour to give my Sentiments and Submitt them to the Correcon of better Judgements.

That We may be able to Judge in Yo. Case with greater Evidence & Certainty, I think it Necessary to Consider the Chief Things required to the Conversion of the Heathen in the East Indies, first in General and then with a particular Application to Your Case. Now there are four things which seem to me chiefly requisite to the Effecting this great work.

I. A previous Disposition in the Heathen to receive the Gospel.

II. A Disposition in Christians to promote this Work by their Charitable Contributions.

III. Persons duely Qualify'd to preach the Gospell.

IV. A Divine Mission or Call from God to such Persons to this Work.

I shall Endeavour to shew the Necessity of all these to the Effecting this Work.

1. The first Requisite then is some Disposition in the Persons to be converted to receive the Gospel, No man cometh unto me Says our Saviour, Except my Father who hath Sent me draw him. Where this Drawing of the Father, this previous Disposition is not, The Gospel will not be received. The Spirit would not suffer St Paul to goe into Bithynia, But he gathered assuredly from a Vision that he was called of the Lord to preach in Macedonia. Men must be prepared therefore for the Reception of the Gospel by God, either outwardly or inwardly or both, or they will not Embrace a Religion which obliges to the Mortification of Corrupt Nature.

2. The next Requisite is a Disposition in Christians to carry on this Work by their Charitable and large Contributions.

This point is not indeed of Consequence to the determining in Your Case, Yet since I am Considering the Work in General I am willing (upon another Acco.t) to Shew the Necessity of this particular. We cannot say that it is essentially Necessary, for God Stands in no need of our Wealth for this Work and (as you well Observe) He has carryed on the Greatest Works without it. The Apostles were altogether

destitute

destitute of this Mean. Silver and Gold have I none, said Peter. Yet is it our indispensible duty to Employ our Riches when We have them to the Glory and in the service of the great Donor of them. And that some part of the European Riches ought to be Employ'd to the Conversion of the Heathen in the East or West Indies I shall give the following reasons.

1. This is Necessary as a kind of Reparation and Restitucon wch Xtians ought to make to those Heathens for having shamefully Neglected the Salvation of Souls for filthy Lucre's sake. Christians have drawn their Wealth from the Indies, and since they make no Returns for it. No Amends for past Neglects! What has been gained therefore with a sinful omission of the Conversion of the Natives, cannot be better Employed than in a Christian Charity and Zeal for their salvation.

2. This is Necessary to remove the great prejudice which the Heathen have Conceived against Xtians, as men whose hearts are wholly set to get Riches, and who come among them for no other End, in which prejudice I fear many of the Romish Missionarys have confirm'd 'em. A Missionary therefore must not only not be burthensome to the New ... Converts, but also have wherof to give unto others that he may shew them evidently that he comes not to seek their Riches, but to save their Souls; and is willing to impart of his own to them, rather than to take from them. Thus says St. Paul to the forin Xtians. I Caught you with Guile.

3. This is Necessary considering the Poor of those Countrys, where there are Abundance of poor and those reduced in times of Scarcity (which frequently happens) to the greatest Necessitys, even to ye selling their Children, yea themselves, and where the Rich (should they Embrace Christianity) must in a literal Sense forsake Kindred .... houses and Possessions, being cast off and thrust out by the rest, as the Jews of Old cast out those who believed in Jesus. Therefore that We can make no Christians there but whom we maintain Were it true, is so far from being an objecon against promoting this Work that it is a powerful Motive to the Rich to Contribute towards it, and a matter of Thankfulness to Divine Providence: who putts such an opportunity into their hands to do good. For can Riches be better Employed than when they are made a means to save souls! But to return to what more immediately relates to the Case in hand.

3. The third Requisite to this Great Work is, Persons well and duly Qualify'd to preach the Gospel among the Heathen. That every one is not fit to be Employed in this Work, but such only as are duly Qualified for it. I believe every

every serious thinking person is Convinced, and Experience has sufficiently shewn it. It will be needless therefore to set about to prove it, I shall rather Endeavour to shew what are those Qualifications required.

'Tis not all the Learning in the world, nor Quick Parts that can Qualify a man for this Work, tho where the Necessary Qualifications are, Learning and parts may be a good help. Witness St Paul who Labour'd more abundantly than all the Apostles, but he who is Employed in this Work ought to be a person of a most serious and recollected Frame of Mind. One who has an Experimental Knowledge of the saving Truths of the Gospel, that is, who has in a good Degree Lived and practiced the Gospel before he attempts to preach it. And therefore one who has in some Measure Overcome the Corruption of his own Nature, particularly these three Sources of it. Pride, Covetousness and Sensuality. that is, he must be one of a Mortify'd Life, a meek and humble Spirit, and of a Heavenly mind, one who is besides full of Zeal for the Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls. and willing to Spend himself in that Employment.

These I take to be the chief Qualifications required. There be others indeed of lesser Moment which for Brevity's Sake I pass over and come to the

4. Fourth and last Requisite Viz.t The Divine Mission or a Call from God to this Work. This I Judge no less Necessary than the former: For many run before they are sent; but how Shall they preach, except they be sent? Says the Apostle. Preach they may indeed, but how shall they preach in Demonstration of the Spirit and of power. That is, how Shall they preach with the Gracious Assistance of God's Holy Spirit, how Shall they preach powerfully, effectually, with Success attending their Labours Except they be sent of God? Our Church requires of those who are to enter into Holy orders and to preach to Christians by Profession, that they be moved thereto by the Holy Ghost; How much more is this Necessary in those who are to preach to Infidels, for which a greater measure of Grace and of the Holy Spirit of God seems Necessary? 'Tis not enough therefore that one have all the Qualifications before named, He must also be called of God to it. These Qualifications are only the Dispositions

required

required to the office of an apostle and an ambassadour of God There must be also a Comission and Authority from him to undertake it. In a word the Work is Gods, and no man should presume to Enter into it of himself. No man takith the apostle, taketh this Honour unto himself but he who is Call'd of God as was Aaron. Therefore our Blessed Saviour, who had a prospect of a plentiful Harvest and but few hands to gather it in does not say to his Apostles, find out persons who will undertake the work; but Pray the Lord of the Harvest that he will send forth Labourers into his Harvest: The Greek words are ὅπως ἐκβάλῃ That he will thrust out Labourers into his Harvest. The work is Labourious, the Difficultys great, the Discouragem.ts from the world many and Nature averse to Labour, therefore 'tis Necessary y.t God thrust out Labourers, that is, powerfully move and incline them to Engage in this Work.

But the difficulty is to know what this Call is, or when one is Called. In order to clear this point, 'tis to be observed that this Call is of two Kinds Inward & Outward The Inward Call is, when one is powerfully moved by the Holy Spirit, or feels a strong Impulse and restless desire to Undertake the work. and this desire is the more pure and the more assuredly from God, the less Self finds its Interest in it, less Satisfaction Nature proposes in it. But when at the same time Nature is rather afraid and shrink from it. Who was more powerfully moved by the Holy Ghost to preach the Gospel than S.t Paul? and yet he tells us his Preaching was in fear and in much Trembling: Corrupt Nature will even please itself in undertaking good works, and many have been acted only by their false Principle, who have thought themselves moved by the Holy Spirit, and so their attempts have come to nothing or done more harm than Good. Indeed till the Corrupt affections are Mortified, 'tis very hard to know if the Moving Principle be from Grace or Corrupt Nature, and therefore I place the Qualifications required, before the Inward Call.

The Outward Call is either Authoritative or Providential. The first is when a Lawful Authority interposes and lays it's Comands on the person, The other is when Providence orders and disposes things with a Tendency to this work, removes obstacles & makes y.e way easy to it.

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The Authoritative Call, I take to be a Sufficient Call to any Person Qualified for the Employment. The providential Call ought carefully to be observed as being an Indication of the Will of God, But that Call is the most safe and Safe, where both the Outward and the Inward meet; where the Person is inwardly moved to the Work, and Providence outwardly disposes all things towards it, or Authority Enjoyns it.

Thus having Considered what things are Necessary to the Conversion of the Heathen in the East Indies in general, I come to apply them to the Case in hand.

1 As to the first Requisite. Notwithstanding the Great Prejudice wch the Heathen generally have agt Xtianity, there seems to be at present some disposition in the Indian Gentiles to receive the Gospel. This We may gather from the Success which thrô the Blessing of Almighty God, the Labours of the present Danish Missionaryes have had, & a much greater Expected, if the pretended Xtians there had not obstructed it, and We may hope that this Dawning of ye Gospel in those parts will Spread and grow up to the Light of the perfect day.

2. As to the Second Requisite, God has likewise been pleased to stir up the Minds of many piously disposed Persons to Carry on this Work by their Counsels, Labours & Contributions. Glory be to him for ye same.

3. As to the third, I am, and I believe those Gentlemen who have Conversed with you and know you, are likewise of opinion, that God has wrought in you the most Necessary Qualifications required to the Undertaking this Work. Praised be his Name for it, and I hope ye you will, and earnestly beseech God that you may persevere & daily grow up more and more a fit Workman for our Comon Masr Service

4. The only difficulty therefore is with respect to the last Requisite mentioned. Viz.t Whether you have a Sufficient Call to this Work. But after what has been said on this head in General, Methinks it will not be so hard even to Determine this Point.

If the Society or the Comee for the Mission to the East Indies was

invested with a power from Ecclesiastical or Civil Authority to send when they should Judge Qualifyed for this Work, I should think their Choice or Comands a Sufficient Call to you, or any other fitt Person. But as no such Power is Invested in them, We can have Recourse only to the Inward and Providential Calls for Light in this matter.

The Inward Call I think you have so far as God has given you a desire and Inclination to undertake this Work, and that now for some Considerable time past; yet is it not so full and Strong that I can advise you to Embrace it imediately, because you have Still Strong Doubts and Scruples about it. For whoever Undertakes this Work must go with a full assurance that God calls him thereto. That he may have a Strong Faith and a full Trust and Confidence in God, Otherwise when Mountains of Difficultys or Storms of Persecution Shall arise, he will be apt to faint and be dismayd, and his Faith (which is his great Support) will begin to fail. Thus when Peter upon the Winds blowing hard and the Seas Swelling, feared, he began to Sink.

2. 2. As to the Providential Call it does not appear to me that God has as yet so ordered and disposed of Things with the respect to the work you are at present Engaged in, that you can leave it without all Scruple and Doubtfulness. Not that I think the great Unwillingness your People Shew to part with you is or ought to be a Sufficient Bar to your accepting this or any other offer of this kind: for a great deal of that may proceed from Natural Affecon, and the Weakness of the Spiritual Children who are generally too much attached to the Instruments God makes use of. But that I think we cannot with a Safe Conscience desire you to leave that Work till some other fit Person is found into whose hands you may Resign it. But the time may come When Your Inclination and Inward Impulse to this work may be Stronger, Your Doubts removed and a fitt Person found to Succeed you: When these things happen (or that you are otherwise Lawfully discharged from that Place) I Shall Conclude God Calls you to this Work; But till then I dare not Advise Your Quitting your present Post. There is some Certainty of your doing good where you are, considering the disposition and affecon of the People The Good proposd in the East Indies is on many Accots yet Uncertain. 'Tis not Advisable therefore to put a Stop to a certain Good for an Uncertain. Not to Insist, that we have yet no person in View who

may be a fellow Labourer with you, in this Mission, and that it has been not advisable to send one Person alone to such a Work.

To Conclude therefore All that We can do more in this matter, is.

1. To wait patiently God's time for the Accomplishing this Great Work: because, first. The work is his, The Salvation of Souls is his Concern We may rest assured therefore that he will take Care of it and provide fit Instruments for it. and as he sent Philip to the Eunuch, Peter to the Centurion and St. Paul into Macedonia. So if there be a disposition in those Heathens or a Prospect of their Embracing the Gospel in Sincerity, He will raise up and send forth those who shall preach it to them. We ought likewise to wait patiently; Because the times and Seasons are in his hand: The divine Wisdom knows best the proper times for the Divine Work. God works Slowly but surely, but Nature precipitates and thereby Marrs what it Undertakes. He that believeth must not make hast, Says Isajah chap: 28. 16.

2. To Endeavour by Gods Grace to purify our own hearts more & more, that We do not marr instead of Advancing this good Work in which We are Engaged.

3. Earnestly to pray to God that he would Excite and send forth fit Persons to be Labourers in this Harvest, that as he has already put it into the hearts of many to promote this Work, so he would in his good time grant them their hearts Desire to see it Accomplished. And.

4. To desire not only the Concurrence of your Prayers for this purpose, but likewise of your Endeavours to find out a fit Person whom you may intrust with the Care of the Souls of those poor people, for whom you Express so great a Concern; and in the mean time acquainting them, that if they think your presence and Labours among them so Necessary for the good of their Souls, they would do well to give Diligence to make a good use of them. since 'tis probable God may dispose of you ~~[illegible]~~ other ways, & call you in a little time from them.

And that he may both fitt and Dispose of you and all of us, as may tend most to his Glory, the Salvation of our own Souls and the good of others, is the earnest prayer of

Reverend Sirs

London 7ber 22: 1713.

Your Loving Bro^r &
Servant in the Lord
Lat: Cockburn

Approv'd of by the Comee

To the Lord Bp. of Sodor and Man at the
Dean of York's at Winwick near Warrington } Lancash:

Whitehall. 17th Octob: 1713

My Lord.

I make no doubt Your Lordsp has with pleasure perused the printed Accounts of the Labours of the Danish Protestant .... Missionarys at Tranquebar in the East Indies, and that you will be no less pleased to know the success of that good work (under several Discouragements) by the Continuation now preparing for the press. Yr Lordsp I presume has likewise been informed of the good Will and Zeal which the Society for promoting Xtian knowledge have shewn for this Undertaking, and of their Endeavours to help it forward by procuring Benefactions in England, by which they have been Enabled to send the Missionarys Supplys in money, an Edition of the New Testament in Portugueze, a printing press, many Reams of paper with several other usefull things. all which has been a great help and Encouragement to them.

But what I am now desired to acquaint Yr Lordsp with is, that this Dawning of the Gospel in those parts of the East Indies, which are under the Danish Governmt has made the Society very desirous to have the same Attempts made in those places where the English Settlements are, for which end they have resolved to send some Missionarys and Schoolmrs Thither. They have been long Endeavouring to find out fitt persons for so great a Work. but have not yet mett with any who are both Sufficiently Qualifyed, and also willing and at Liberty to undertake it. They would gladly have men of a sober and Religious Conversation Endowed with a meek & humble Spirit, Men pretty well Mortifyd and dead to the World & worldly Advantages, of some Experience in the Care of Souls, & Zealous for the Glory of God, and the Salvation of Men. If With these Divine Qualitys they have Learning and an Aptitude to Learn Languages it will be a great Advantage.

I am very Sensible that Yr Lordsp is a much better Judge of the Qualifications required in a Missionary and an Apostle of

of Christ than Fame. But I mention these few Qualifications only to shew Your Lordsp the great Care and Caution which this Society use in a matter of so great Importance as this is, And as they do believe that Your Lordsp may have Several pious Clergymen in Your Diocese. It is their request to Your Lordsp. that if you know of any Person or Persons whom you think duly Qualified for so great an undertaking, Your Lordsp would please to Acquaint me therewith at your first Conveniency.

We were not without hopes for a while of having this pleasure to see Your Lordsp this Summer in London Jurish it may please God to send you hither this next to Warm us with your Hallerly Exhortations which We very much want. I hope Yo. Lordsp. has or will receive the Society's Packet of Books for this Year as usual. And humbly beg Yo. Blessing as well in behalf of the Society as of

My Lord

Yo. Lordsp. &c.

Approv'd of by this Malabar Fleet 14. Octob: 1713.

Henry Newman

Post Script to the 1st Genll Letter to the Revd Mr. Cobbe Chaplain at Bombay dated the 27th March. 1714.

Revd Sr.

I am in the name of the Society to wish you a Prosperous Voyage, and to acquaint you that so far as any of their Designs are thought practicable in India they hope you will upon all occasions promote them there.

They hope to hear from you as often occasion offers concerning what I have now wrote as also

as also of the State of Christianity in the Country whether you are bound.

Mr. Jenning, the Revd Mr. Lewis & Mr. Stevenson of Fort St. George, the Revd Mr. Long at Fort St. David, and Mr. Pregambalg, & Mr. Grundler Missionaries at Tranquebar, are Corresponding Members of the Society to whom you may freely impart any thing relating to their Affairs.

I have by order of the Society put up & sent to you a Portuguese Dictionary & Grammar, 50. N. Testaments 50. Brief Instructions &c. & 12. Acts of ye Protestant Mission to ye E. Indies, of wch they desire yr. acceptance.

The Society rec'd yr. kind Benefaction of a Guinea by ye hands of Mr. Watts towards promoting their Designs, for wch I am ordered in their Name to thank you.

I heartily wish ye a Prosperous Voyage & remain Revd S. Yr. H. N.

To the Rev. Mr. Moses Williams. Mr. 21. May 1714.

Rev.d S.r

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge are glad to find so many Excellent Prelates have been pleas'd to Countenance the Design of Reprinting the Bible and Comon Prayer Book &c.a in Welch, wherein You are happily Engaged, and this being a Matter worthy to be Encouraged by every British Christian the Society thought it becoming them to Promote it by a Subscription from themselves as a Body, beside what some of their own Members may be pleas'd to do, of their good Will towards it, and therefore they have desir'd their Treasurer to Subscribe in their behalf for 100. Copies upon the terms offer'd in y.r Proposal, as a Testimony of their hearty Desires that so useful a Design should prosper.

Upon producing the Proposal, one of their Members acquainted y.e Society that he had a Comission to Subscribe for 1000. Copies, and I have Notice from one of their Corresponding Members in the Country, of his intentions to * Subscribe for 50. Copies more, and to Solicite for other Subscriptions, among his Acquaintance, of which as they come to the Knowledge of the Society, You may expect to be informd, and if You please to let me know from time to time what Subscriptions You procure in Wales and other parts I can Assure You y.t all possible Advantage shall be made of those Notices to animate others to joyn their Assistance in promoting this Undertaking.

The Society have also recomended it to several of their worthy Members in and about London to use their good Offices in Soliciting their Acquaintance to Contribute to it, and I cannot but hope You will see a very good Effect of their Endeavours, w.ch are so Zealously Devoted to y.e Accomplishing of this Design.

Give me leave to wish You Success in Ys.r Labours to Advance it, and to Assure You that I am with very great Respect

Rev.d S.r

Ys.rs &c

H. N.

of the Sovereignty of Neufchatel & Vallang

Most Rev.d Sirs

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge recd your acceptable Present of a Printed Copy of the Liturgy of Neufchatel accompanied with a very obliging Letter from the most Reverend Dean Mons.r Tribolet, and have commanded me in their Names humbly to signify their most respectful Thanks for these favours.

It is with great pleasure they observe so good a Disposition in the Reformd Churches abroad to restore the use of Liturgys to their Antient Dignity.

The Example of the Neufchatel Liturgy so wisely adapted to the Solemn Offices of the church, will 'tis hoped very much help to propagate the Esteem of Liturgys; especially among those who are convinced of the Importance that all the Publick Offices of the church should be well understood by those that joyn in them, and that too much Paint cannot be taken, to digest them into that plainess and Majesty of Style, which becomes our common Addresses to the Supreme Governor of y.e World

These Excellent Persons who compos'd the Liturgy of Neufchatel have given evident proofs of their Skill in choosing the Materials proper for such a Composure, nor is it presumption to think they were divinely assisted to bring it to that perfection which it has.

This, and future Ages will have cause to rejoyce in the Labours of those Happy Men who have been the Instruments of accomplishing this Admirable Work, and God will have the Glory of it, by a more regular and exalted Devotion from His People.

A Messieurs le Doyen & les Pasteurs des Eglises
Souveraineté de Neufchâtel & de Vallangin.

Reverendissimes

La Société pour l'Avancement de la Connoissance Chrétienne a reçû l'agréable Present qu'il vous a plû lui faire d'un Exemplaire de la Liturgie de Neufchâtel, accompagné d'une Lettre très obligeante de Monsieur Le Doyen Sribolet; et elle m'a ordonné de vous rendre en son nom ses tres humbles & tres respectueuses actions de graces pour l'une & pour l'autre de ces faveurs.

C'est avec un sensible plaisir que la Société remarque une sibonne disposition dans les Eglises Reformées au de la de la mer; à rétablir l'usage des Liturgies dans leur ancienne dignité.

Il y a lieu d'esperer que l'exemple de la Liturgie de Neufchâtel si sagement adaptée aux Offices solemnels de l'Eglise, sera d'un grand secours pour étendre l'estime des Liturgies, sur tout parmi ceux qui sont convaincus combien il importe que tous les Offices publics de l'Eglise soient bien entendus par ceux qui y assistent; et qu'on ne sauroit prendre trop de soin pour les digerer dans ce style simple & majestueux si convenable aux prières que nous adressons en commun au Suprême Gouverneur du monde.

Les Excellens Hommes qui ont composé la Liturgie de Neufchâtel ont donné des preuves évidentes de leur habileté, en choisissant les Materiaux propres pour une telle Composition; Et il n'y a pas de la présomption à penser qu'ils ont été divinement assistez pour la mener à la perfection qu'elle a.

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The Society congratulate You who have shared in this Honour upon the Success of it, and with great Respect assure You of their hearty Wishes for the Prosperity of the Churches of Neufchatel and Vallangin and all their Spiritual Guides

This is most humbly Signified in the Name and by the Order of the Society from

Most Reverend Sirs

Yo. most Obedient

London. 16. June. 1714. Humble Servant

H: N:

To the Rev.d M. Osterwald at Neufchattel.

Reverend Sir

The Society for promoting Christian Knowledge were very agreeably Surprized at Your kind Compliance with their Request to favour them at Your Leasure with an intire Copy of the Arguments and Exhortations, used before, and after reading the Holy Scripture in the Churches of Neufchatel.

The Excellent Spirit, which they found in the Specimen of this Work, that accompanyed a former Copy of the Neufchatel Liturgy, which You was pleasd to present to them, induced them to make this request; and Your ready Compliance with it has laid them under very great Obligations not without some Apprehensions of having trespassed on Your Goodness by desiring a favour which would have been the Work of many Years to some other

Men

Ce siécle et les futurs auront sujet de se réjouïr des travaux de ces heureux Personnages, qui ont été les Instrumens de l'accomplissement de cet admirable Ouvrage. Et Dieu en aura la gloire, par la Devotion de son peuple plus reguliére et plus relevée.

La Société Vous félicite, Messieurs, sur l'heureux succes de cette Entreprise, pour la part que vous avez l'honneur d'y avoir euë; Et Elle vous assûre avec beaucoup de respect de ses voeux tres sinceres & tres ardens pour la prosperité des Eglises de Neufchâtel et de Vallangin, et pour celle de leurs Guides spirituels.

C'est ce que vous signifie tres humblement au nom et par l'ordre de la Société.

Reverendissimes

Vôtre tres humble et très
Obeissant Serviteur

A Londres le 16. Juin 1714.

Monsieur

La Société pour l'Avancement de la Connoissance chrétienne a été agreablement surprise par vôtre honnête condescendance à lui accorder la priére qu'elle avoit pris la liberté de vous faire, de vouloir la favoriser, a vôtre loisir, d'une Copie complete des Argumens & des Exhortations qui se lisent dans les Eglises de Neufchâtel, devant & après la Lecture de l'Ecriture Sainte.

L'excellent esprit que la Société découvrit dans l'Essay de cet Ouvrage qui accompagnoit la Liturgie de Neufchâtel, dont vous eûtes la bonté de lui faire present en Manuscrit, l'induisit à vous faire cette priére, et vôtre empressement à la lui accorder l'a engagée à de très grandes Obligations, non toute fois sans crainte d'avoir abusé de vôtre bonté, en vous demandant une faveur, qui auroit été l'ouvrage de plusieurs années pour une personne

moins

other Men, but to a Person so indefatigably devoted to the Service of God and Religion as Mons.r Osterwald is, has provd the Labour but of a few Months: For this I am ordered in the Name of the Society humbly to signify their Thanks to You -

It is now in the hands of a good Translator, and it is wished that it may be ready for the Press in as short a time as You have taken to prepare it.

I have wrote by Order of the Society to the most Excellent Dean and Pastours of Neufchatel and Vallangin to thank them and You for the printed Copy of the Liturgy which they have been pleasd at the same time to transmit to them.

The Society were not a little concernd to understand by M.r Chamberlayne that Offence has been taken at the Word Embryo in the Advertizement prefixt to the Translation of the Liturgy: It must be owned that the Expression was inserted by our late Excellent M.r De la Mothe and I dare affirm that he intended it as a Complement to the Neufchatel Liturgy however it has been construed; His Consummate Modesty inclind him to call every thing that he would recommend Essays or Embryos tho never so elaborate and perfect in their kind to stop the Mouths of Captious People, and to create an Admiration in the Candid Reader that if the Embryo be thus perfect what must the Fœtus grown to Maturity be: Besides he knew how jealous some People among us would have been of a Design to lessen the Reputation of the English Liturgy by publishing a bright foreign Composure of that Nature, as if ours wanted mending unless he had prevented such a Jealousy by acknowledging this to be but an Embryo.

The truth is it will not sound so well in Your Parts as in this Country for w.ch only the Advertizement was calculated; And if it had been considerd y.t some English Copys would be dispersed at Neufchatel I am sure M.r De la Mothe was so great a Lover of Justness in his Expressions and Tenderness to avoid any thing offensive that he would never have used it: However I am ordered to assure You that care will be taken to leave out in the next Edition this, or any other Expressions w.ch You shall be pleasd to Communicate as having given Offence, and I do at the same time Subscribe myself

Rev.d S.r

London. 16. June. 1714.

Yo.

moins dévouée & moins infatigable pour le service de Dieu et de la Religion que Vous Monsieur, à qui ce n'a été le travail que de peu de mois: La Société m'a ordonné de vous en faire en son nom de très humbles remercimens.

Cet Ouvrage est apresent entre les mains d'un habile Traducteur et on souhaite qu'il puisse être prêt pour la Presse en aussi peu de tems que vous en avez mis à le composer.

J'ai écrit par ordre de la Société à Messieurs le Doyen et les Pasteurs de Neufchâtel & de Vallangin, pour les remercier, et Vous aussi Monsieur, de l'Exemplaire de la Liturgie qu'il leur a plû de lui envoyer en même tems

Ce n'a pas été sans peine que la Société a appris par M.r Chamberlayne que le mot Embryo, qui se trouve dans l'Avertissement qu'on a mis à la tête de la Traduction de la Liturgie, a donné lieu a quelques personnes d s'en offenser: Il faut avouër que cette Expression, qui dans nôtre Langue ne signifie autre chose, par raport aux Ouvrages d'esprit, que ce que vous appellez Ebauche, y fut inseré par feu M.r De la Motte, et j'ose affirmer qu'il s'en serait à bonne intention et à la loüange de la Liturgie de Neufchâtel, quelque sens qu'on lui ait donné: Sa modestie consommée le portoit à donner en Anglois le nom d'Essays ou d'Embryos à tout ce qu'il recommandoit, quelque bien travaillé & parfait qu'il fût, afin de fermer par là la bouche aux Critiques, et de crèer de l'Admiration dans l'esprit du Lecteur, en lui faisant penser, si l'Embrion est si parfait que ne sera point le fruit dans sa maturité? De plus feu M. De la Motte n'ignoroit pas que certaines gens parmi nous auroient soupçonné un dessein de dé=nigrer la Reputation de la Liturgie Angloise, en publiant un Eclatant Composition étrangère de cette Nature comme si la nôtre eût eu besoin d'être corrigée; s'il n'avoit eu le soin de prévenir un tel soupçon en re=connoissant que celle ci n'étoit qu'un Embryo (une Ebauche)

Le Verité est

Copy of the Circular Letter sent by the Revd M. Wiliams to all the Correspondents in Wales relating to the Proposal for Printing the Bible in Welch—

London House in Lond. 26 June 1719.

Several of the Society's Correspondents in Wales having signify'd the great want there is of Bibles in the Welch Tongue for the use of such as do not understand English, the Society have us'd their Interest to promote a New Edition of the Bible in that Language and the Queen's Printer has promis'd to undertake it as soon as a — — reasonable Number of Subscriptions shall be obtain'd upon the Terms — offer'd in his proposal, herewith sent to You —

This being a Matter that will require some Application and Time to effect, the Revd M. Wiliams a Corresponding Member out of his great Zeal to promote this good Work, has undertaken to Visit Wales to Solicite Subscriptions to it, and I am order'd by the Society to — Desire You would be pleas'd to assist him in making his Journey as effectual as may be for Advancing this Work by recommending it to all such Gentlemen in Your Neighbourhood as may be most likely to Encourage it.

M. Wiliams will inform You of the Number intended to be Printed and of the Subscriptions already procured.

May Your good Offices on this Occasion be successfull and may the Great Rewarder of Virtue distinguish You among those who turn many to Righteousness, is the Sincere Wish of

Approvd of by y.e Comittee. 25. Aug. 1714.

Wm. King at Exeter

20. Aug. 1714.

Rev.d S.r

I have communicated Yours of the 7. Curt. to the Soc.y and in answer to the 1.st Objection to the Proposal for printing the Bible in Welch the Society have thought fit to recommend it to be encouraged by Contributions out of Wales, because of the great Poverty of the People there, who stand most in need of this Impression; & the printer will not undertake an Impression of 10. thousand unless he is securd at least of half the Number to be taken off, by Subscriptions before hand, the Welch not being so saleable as the English; And there are many Natives or well wishers to that part of the Kingdom who live in other parts that would gladly encourage so useful a design if they knew when and where to do it.

It is true according to the 2.d Objection that the Impression is intended for the Benefit of the Welch Dioceses whose Bps. recommend it, their Lordships being the properest Judges of the present Necessity of such a Work, and this was the reason that other Bishops were not applyd to for the like recommendation. The Bp. of Worcester is pleasd to recommend it, tho' he has no Welch Towns in his Diocese, because having been formerly Bp. of S.t Asaph, His Lordship must be allowd to be a good Judge of the usefulness of y.r Design, and if there had been any other Bishops acquainted with the wants of the People in Wales, I believe no application had been made to their Lordships, notwithstanding it might be thought sufficient to have the Hands of Six Prelates recommending such a Work to the whole Kingdom, which Consideration may suffice for an Answer to the 3.d Objection. This is a charitable undertaking and therefore cannot be imposd any where, but is submitted to the Benevolence of good Men as God shall open their Hearts: Your parts have shewn a generous Example of Liberality to the charge of publishing the Gospel in the East Indies, and will undoubtedly think themselves not less concernd to propagate it in a Country nearer related to them.

I shall take care to send the Books You desire in Your Annual packet which will soon be sent to You.

I congratulate You on the Tranquility You enjoy upon King George's accession to the Crown. His Maj.ty is expected here in about 6. days time; great preparations are making for his reception, and among other Pomps the charity Schools of these Citys will be presented in one view upon Stands in Fleetstreet singing y.e first 6. Verses of y.e 21. Psalm according to S.r J. Denhams Version

To the Revd Mr. Kelsall
at Boston Lincolnsh.

London House 22: Febry 1714/15

Reverend Sir

Yo. Letter of the 20th. of Decem. came
Read 27. Febry. to the Society when they were much engaged in preparing
Letters and a Cargoe for the Protestant Missionarys in the East
Indies by the Fleet now going thither, which obligd them to
postpone the Consideration of that part of it wherein You desire
to be advisd how a Friend of Yrs. may best apply 100. for
promoting a Charity School or Schools in any Town or
Towns in Lincolnshire

The Society having considerd of Yr. Proposal they
agreed to desire You would recommend it to Yr. Friend to divide
his Charity into five equal Parts for encouraging y. opening
of so many Charity Schools in the first five Towns in Lin-
colnshire that shall embrace the offer of 20. pound towards
a School. Or that Yr. Friend would give the Society leave
to recommend to him such Places in Lincolnsh. as shall
come to their Knowledge for proper objects of Charity.

But before this their Opinion should be sent to You
was order'd to communicate Yr. Letter with their Thoughts upon
it to the Good Bishop of Lincoln, and humbly to desire his
Lordships advice therein, which he has readily granted
as You'll see by the Letter herewith sent, wherein the Society
intirely concurr.

If You have any further Commands for me
be pleas'd to signify them to

Reverend Sir

Yr. most humble
Servant

H. Newman

N. 43. The following Letter was sent to above 60 Correspondents as p.d Book of Abstracts by order of the Society.

London House. 8. Octob. 17

Sir

Approved by the Comtee. 4. Octob.r 1715.

The Society having reason to believe that several of their Letters and Packets to their Corresponding Members have miscarried for want of a proper direction, and that the carriage of the Packets being paid here, induces the Carriers to be less carefull in delivering them as directed: I am ordered to write to such Correspondents as have not signified the receipt of any Letter or Packet for one or more years past, to desire they would signify, whether a Packet would be usefull, or acceptable to them, and to suspend the sending any Packet, till such signification is come to my hands.

I have not receiv'd any Letter from you since and therefore this Notification is made to you, in hopes you may be pleas'd when this comes to your hands, to give me such directions as may hereafter prevent the miscarriage of any thing sent to you by

Sir

your most humble Servant

N. B. The following Paragraphs were agreed to be added to this Years circular Letter Viz.t

Octob.r 1715.

The Rev.d M.r Osterwald an Eminent Divine in the Church of Neutchattel, having transmitted to the Society a work entitled, The Contents of the Books and Chapters of the Old Testament, and promised the same of the New with practical Observations upon each: The Society is of opinion that it is highly deserving to be recom.ended to all Families as usefull for

for promoting Christian knowledge, and have therefore procur'd the same to be translated, which is now in the press and with all convenient speed will be published by Jos. Downing in Bartholmew Close.

Sir

Beside what you have in common with other Corresponding Members, I am order'd to send you in this years Packet the prayers for Prisoners under sentence of Death, as a Tract of which you may have occasion to make a very good use, whilst your lot happens to be to live in a place where the County Goal is kept: Some Theatrises upon the subject of Reformation of Manners having been presented to the Society are likewise added to your Packet, and you will be plesed to take proper occasions of dispersing them, particularly you are desired to present the Oath of a Constable according to your discretion, to such as are sworn to discharge the Office of Constable.

To Mr. Cowley at Donyngton Lincolnsh.

Worthy Sir

London House 1. Dec[r] 1715

approv'd by the Society. 18. Nov[r]. 1715.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge having for many years past laboured to encourage the Erecting of Charity Schools in several parts of the Kingdom, the L[d] Bishop of Lincoln who is pleas'd to be a Member of their Body communicated to them a List of several Towns in his Lordsp[s] Diocese where such Schools are much wanted, among which Donyngton was recommended: Hereupon the Society as'd their Endeav[s] to get an account of those places & are not without good Hopes of seeing Charity Schools Erected in several of them — and under your influence and kind assistance they are willing to

entertain hopes that a charity Scholl may also be set up at Donyngton -

The 2 last Editions of the Accounts of Charity Schools herewith sent may give you a good Idea of the progress of this kind of Charity in other Places as well as of the manner of setting up and governing those Schools, concerning which I ought to acquaint you, y^t ye reason of changing the method of publishing the Accounts of these Schools in 1715. was partly to contract the Account which by the former method was grown very bulkey, and partly to bring into one view all ye Schools of each County respectively. To these Accounts are added in the Packet Mr Monro's Essay upon Christian Education, and the Sermons preach'd by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Lincoln, and the Revd Doct^r Snape (now Master of Eaton School) upon the Subject of Charity Schools Shewing the great usefulness of these Schools for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the perusal of which I am perswaded will induce you to be of the same opinion -

The Society will esteem it as an obligation upon them if you please to signifie your Thoughts hereon with the manner how so necessary a good to your Populous Town may be effected, to wch which they will gladly afford any assistance in their Power.

When you favour me with an answer please to direct it to me at London House in Aldersgate Street London for -

The Carriage S^r yor
of the Packet is p^d

H: N.

To the Rev^d the Dean &
Chapter of St Pauls.

London 22. Decr 1715.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge having found it of great advantage to the Design of charity Schools in London to assemble the Children belonging to them once a year in some Church where a Sermon may be preach'd to them, their Trustees & other Benefactors; and the said Children being now grown too numerous to be receiv'd in any Parish Church

I am therefore ordered in the Name of the Society to Request the Revd Dean and Chapter of St Pauls to permit their meeting

at that Cathedral on Thursday in next Whitsun Week, and if
favour be granted they will make such an application to the
Lords and others who are Comissioners for finishing St Pauls
as they hope may procure the accomodations for the Children &
other Auditors to be made at the publick Expence in such
manner as shall effectually secure the Building from damage

This is humbly Signifyed to you by order of the said
Society from

Rev.d Sir.

Your &c

I shall write to this Effect to
all y.e Rev.d Residentiarys & when
you are pleasd to make an Answ.r
to what is humbly offered, it is
requested it may be directed to me at
the Rev.d Mr. Shules in London House
Aldersgate street.

To the Rev.d Dr. Godolphin
Rev.d & Hon.d Sr

Approved 24. Jan.y 1715

I had the honour of your Letter of the 26.th last month
and comunicated it to the Society for Promoting xtian
Knowledge who have ordered me to acquaint you that
they doubt not but when you return to London they shall be able to
satisfie you that as they had not the least intention of proceeding upon
y.e former Scheme when they became acquainted with y.e objections that
were made to it, so they hope to lay before you such a new one for
accomodating the charity Children at St Pauls, as will not be at
all lyable to the objections made to the former, and may therefore
receive your Approbation. In the meantime I shall
forbear Writing to the other Residentiarys as was signifyed
in my last, that no Steps may be taken herein but what may
consist with that deference that is due, and which the Society
will always shew to your Judgment. I am

Rev.d Sir

Yo.r &c

To Thomas Cowley Esqr
at Wykes in Donnington
Lancashire

London house 31. January 1715/6

Approv'd by y^e
Soc: 20. Janry
1715/6.

Worthy Sir

I receiv'd your letter of the 7th instant
whereby the Society were very glad to understand you receiv'd my letter
with the Books sent you in good part; And as they are much griev'd you
cannot yet engage any other of the Landlords in your parish to forward
the charitable design propos'd; so are they as much rejoyced at your
intention to establish your self, what they so earnestly wish for. And
presuming upon your good and kind disposition to assist them in
their pious endeavours as much as you can they have order'd me to
send you a Packet of such Books as they usually send to their
Corresponding Members, desiring that you will please to dispose
of them as you shall Judge convenient in hopes that some of them
may be of use to your poor Neighbours; and that your communicating
by this means the several designs on foot for the glory of GOD and the
good of Souls may induce other well dispos'd Gentlemen to lend a
helping hand to some of them, Assuring you Sir that whatever
shall be propos'd for that end will be very acceptable to the Society, and
that they will readily forward it with any advice or assistance they
can give. I Pray GOD to bless your pious Intentions and
Endeavours with the desired Success and to reward you for them
with happiness to all eternity, being

Sir

your most humble Servt

Henry Newman

The Packet was deliver'd
yesterday to the usual Carrier
Carriage paid

Though I communicated
your Let^r to ye Society, yet the
Contents of it are unknown
out of the Society

To Captain Morris at Carlisle 21. February 1715/6

Dr Sir

In Answer to your favours of the 19th and 28. of last month I am to acquaint you that the Society would have been glad if it had been in their power to have provided for the Support and Education of those Children which you so compassionately recommended to their Charity, but the Gentlemen of the long Robe who happened to be at the Society when your Letter was communicated were of opinion that if they were sent to any part of the Kingdom if the Parish to which they were sent were not indemnified from any Charge on their acco.t they would be liable by Law to be returned to Carelass as the place that would be obliged to take care of them and upon an application to any Justices of the Peace an Ord.r may be obtained to the Overseers of the Poor that would compell them to provide for their Support. The Charity of our Schools is for the most part restrained to such Children only as are born in the Parish or Ward where such School is erected & where they are only Cloathed & taught. That of Xts Hospital or Bridewell is for the Children of freemen born in London. Strange Children are indeed sometimes admitted into the Workhouse, but then the Person that recommends must be a Benefactor to the Foundation of at least 60. or 70. l. to entitule him to that privilege.

The Good Bishop of Carlisle being now Lord Almoner perhaps on a proper application his Lop would find an Expedient to provide for the Orphans especially since it may be done at a less Charge in your cheap Country than it can be in those parts.

The Society were so pleased at your Zeal in promoting their Design signified in your last Letter, that they Ordered the books you desired me to buy for you to be sent at their Charge being well satisfied of your Prudence and Zeal to make the best use of them and they were accordingly sent by the Carrier last Friday Carriage paid.

As to what you desire to be informed about your own affairs I have been at the Pay office under my Ld Lincoln's Direction and Mr Merar in that office is appointed to pay those on your foot but

Provide by the Gen.l 21. Feb. 1715/6

but he looking on his list said he had not your name, and that I must get an Order from the Warr office to put you on the list. He said Also that he had not yet recd any Money on acc.t of the officers in your Case because the Establishm.t was not yet settled but it was expected in 10. or 14. days the Establishm.t wo.d be fixt and money issued to pay you. I have been at the Warr office to ask for an Order to put you on the list but Mr Arnold tells me he wants a Copy of the Report of the Court Martial to know when your Pay as Captain in the Regiment determined, and desired I would write to you for it, However in the want of it that he believed the Date of Captain Fonfubran's Comission would show when your Pay ended, your self enable me to prevent any mistake on this acc.t Mr Coronel tells me that tho' the Warr sho.d not go on it is very likely that the standing Regim.ts will be encreased to 12. Companys, and that then you will be restored to your Command etc. wo. I sho.d be glad to Congratulate you upon. As to getting a better Comission for my freind Mr Thomas I wish with all my heart it were in my power, but just before I recd your Letter on that Subject, I procurd y.e Solicitations of a near Relation to Mr Stanhope and Mr Walpole in behalf of another freind, and could get no other answer but that the King was resolved to reserve no Subalterns nor Captains but in their turn according to their Rank in the Army, if this Rule had been broke in some few Instances it had occasioned so many inconveniencys that Resolves was resolved to suffer no more of y.e like.

To Mr Bringhurst of Ely

Rev.d Sir.

21. Febry. 1715/6.

approved by the Com.e 21. Feb: 1715/6

I acquainted the Society with your Thanks for the Packets and likewise your opinion of the Usefullness to Promote Piety of a Small Treatise concerning the certainty and eternity of Hell torments in which they entirely concur with you, but their present great Expence in publishing Books on other Subjects, obliges them not to enter on any new Charge at this time I am

Rev.d Sir

&c

Turner at Stamford.

Sr

proved by y^d 21 Feb: 1715.

I have delayed giving an Answer to your several Letters concerning the Introduction of Christian Authors into Grammar Schools till I could have the direction of the Society upon them.

This being a Matter that required to be well considerd all your Letters upon that Subject have been referd to a Comittee and after several Debates and hearing the opinion of some Criticks in Classick Learning, they are of opinion it must be left at present as it is now to the judgement of the Masters of our Great Schools who will not be perswaded that Roman Latin can be found any where but in Roman Authors.

That tho' they would be glad to see such a collection as you mention out of Castalios Translation of the Proverbs &c published for the use of Schools, they cannot equally approve of the use of Latin Plays tho' the Latin were polite and the Subject Divine, because so much Mischief has ben done to youth by the abuse of Plays, that it were better to keep them at a distance even from those which are inocent to give them an abhorrence of the far greater part which are not so; and least of all would it become the Society to encourage them after the pains they have taken to reform our Theatres, and to hinder the introduction of an imitation of them into our Charity Schools as was attempted not long since in London under a prefence of teaching the Children to pronounce their words finely and with good Assurance.

This considerd, there is little encouragement to undertake the Correction of Anglorum Praelia as you propos'd, however I am to thank you for the Suggestion and the loan of ye Book wch shall be returnd by the first safe conveyance.

I have wrote several Letters to Dr Snape to desire his opinion on this head, and particularly when by your

direction

direction I sent one of your books of Exercises, but I cannot get an answer from him, otherwise than that he owed me a Letter which gives me reason to think that tho' he's a good Christian he has no mind to make any alteration in the method of Teaching in his School. When I have his Answer it shall be communicated to you by

Sr yo.r &c.

P.S. Notwithstanding what I have said above in the name of the Society Mr Chamberlayne desires me to tell you that he very much likes your Latin Play.

To the Rev.d M.r Welchman
at Lapworth Warwickshi.

London House. 27.th March. 1716.

Rev.d S.r

approv'd by y.e Soc. 22.d March.

Your Letter of the 17. of Janry last was receivd in due time and communicated to the Society together with the Proposal enclosed in it for inducing the Poor to attend Divine Service at Church with more constancy than they usually do.

They have Considerd of your Proposal and do so much approve of it, that I am orderd to thank you for the Suggestion. The putting it in Practice will best discover the improvements it may be capable of, but at present only this occurrs to the Society, that it will be necessary that Care be taken by the Minister to admonish the Poor not to value themselves as acceptable to God, if they come to Church, only to be entituled to the Alms they expect to receive there.

They will be glad to hear of the Success of your putting it in Practice and give me leave to assure you that I am —

S.r

To the Revd
Mr Francis Hussey Rector
of Clistlydon ~~Devon~~.
near Collumpton Devon.

London House. 17. April. 1716.

Approved by ye
Com: 17th April 1716.

Rev.d S.r I communicated your obliging Letter of the 3d. of last month to the Society here together with the Acct of the proceedings of yor Excellent Society in Devon.

They heard the History read with great Pleasure, and I am Orderd in a particular manner to thank You for it.

Such Fraternitys Estabelished throughout the Kingdome would soon revive that charity, that is so necessary to heal our present divisions, and Effectually banish those Animosities that have made such havock of our Peace, & even of Our Religion too, for some years past.

The Subtlety of the Common Enemy of mankind has perhaps never shown it self more remarkably than of late years. by engageing the Members of the Same Church to Contend earnestly about Shadows, at the expence of losing the Substance of Religion.

But the Methods you so Laudably pursue will by the Blessing of God, animate Good men to Shine so much in their lives, as to make hypocrites ashamed of their profession of Zeal for Our Excellent Church, unless they are at the Same time Solicitous of being good Christians.

The Society here have observed so many good Conseguences attending the Religious Combinations of Good men that they have Ordered me among other things not to fail to recomend it to all their corresponding Members, conformable to the Advice of the late A. Bp of Canterbury's circular Letter 1699 to form Societys out of the well disposed among the Clergy and Laity for encouraging Virtue & discountenanceing Vice, by all the prudent Methods wch are practicable in a Voluntary Society, and wherever this advice has been put in practice the Effect has abundantly answer'd the design of it; and tho' it affords no other Satisfaction than the bringing men acquainted with each other, that are Sincerely Pious, and have a taste of Heavenly things which the Christian in name only is a Stranger to; This Effect if there were no other, yeilds a pleasure to a good man in a

profligate

profligate Age that is worthy of all the pains he can take to enjoy it.

You know this Experimentally, and therefore the Value of it needs not to be recomended to you, but if You could perswade Your Neighbo who live too remote to joyn with You herein, to imitate You in their own parts, Your Example would prove a happy Leaven to diffuse a Sence of Solid Piety to distant places round You.

I am also to thank You good Sr for Your kind intentions of Contri buting to the Charge of the Society here, for promoting their Designs You do it daily in the way you are in, and therefore as I formerly Signified to you, the Countenance you are pleas'd to give in pro moting the Same Charitable purposes where you live, as the Society here are ongaged in, is looked upon by them as an ample Contribution.

May the Author of all good, Crown your Charitable Endeavours, together with those of Your pious Society, with Succes equall to their, and Your wishes, and may the Society here, always have an Interest in their, and your Prayers, is the Earnest Request of him, who is with great respect

Sir Their and your most obedient humble Sero.t

H. N.

My Most humble Service to the Reverend Mr Burrough and Mr King.

To the Rev.d Mr Geo. Lewis Att 9 Pr of Meath in Ireland.

Approved by y Com.n 1. May 1716.

Mid. Temple 1 May 1716

Rev.d S.r

The following Parago of a Letter from the Hon.ble Mr Cobb Chaplain of Bombay to his Father in London has been lately communicated to the Society viz. 'Tis a comon obsorvation here in India that the first thing the portuguese undertake in any Factory or Sellement is to build a church the Dutch a Fort and the English a Punch House, There was a church (adds he) once designed to be built and Sufficient Contributions were raised for it, but the Money has long Since been perverted and the Walls remain a Standing Monument of Reproach to the Nation even to a Proverb viz. when the English Church is finished,

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This matter the Society have referred to their Comittee to consider how far the Fund for Building a church at Bombay may be recoverable. and by their direction I am ordered to acquaint you with the matter as it has been represented to the Society, and to desire you will be pleased to advise them what you know of it, and if it be practicable to recover any part or all the Fund for this purpose that you will Signifie what Steps are to be taken to accomplish it.

To the Revd. Monsr. Dumont
at Leiptick.

Revd Sr

I no Soonor received your obliging Letter of the 20th of February last but I communicated it to the Society who were very much pleased with your ready acceptance of a correspondence with them.

The Catholick Church is the Body of Christ, and it is by a reciprocal correspondence of its members that the Gifts of each respectively become usefule for the common Good: No Diversity of Nations or Opinions, ought to Sever the members of this Body in their affections to each other, any more than diversity of Complexions, or the variety of Features in an Humane Face, much less to restrain us from Communicating to one another Such helps as may prove conducive to build us up in the Substantiall parts of Religion wherein all parties are agreed.

Though parties of all Denominations among Christians have been ever pestered with some Rigid men yet the goodness of providence is very conspicuous in that there have been always friends to Temper and moderation in every Party (unless you will except those of the Romish Comunion) who Notwithstanding their difference in some

opinions

Opinions, have by a Mutuale forbearance, so far cultivated a good Understanding as to gain many votaries to the like Moderation.

Your Endeavours herein are highly comendable, and it must be acknowledged, as you are pleased to observe, that the Article of Predestination is the principal point that keeps up the Breach between the Lutherans and the Calvinists and it is even wished as you will advise that preachers and writers would handle this Controversie with a tenderness demonstrating their greater concern for inculcating the plain practical truths of our holy Religion then gratifying the prejudices of their Education in maintaining uncertain Opinions at the Expence of that Charity that is of infinitely greater consequence to the Souls of men. and that they would rather insist upon the important Arguments of Repentance Faith and a Holy Life than upon circumscribing the Extent of Divine Grace.

Some Gentlemen of Genova have wisely set an Example of this Christian Temper to the Reformed Churches abroad, and I may venture to say the whole Body almost of Divines of the Church of England have for some Years past entirely declined the handling of the Doctrine of the Divine Decrees either in their Sermons or in their Writings and I am well informed that of late years they are very rarely made the Subjects of disputation in the Schools of either of our English Universities. And doubtless this may be the reason that the Lutherans seem better to agree with the Church of England than with the Reformed in other parts of Europe.

The Rigour of some Universities in Germany will questionless be so far from Advancing what they contend for that it will occasion their loosing ground daily.

The Efforts that are made in Several places in

Germany.

Germany and particularly at Hall towards a through Reformation by Educating the youth in Piety and Sound Learning are every where Justly applauded, and promise a more Universal harmony and agreement among Christians than we at present enjoy

I am to thank you for the printed Sheet Enclosed in your Letter, and have in return herewith sent you the printed Letter promised in my last, and which had been then Sent could I have known how to save you y.e Postage

The worthy Mr. Hales who is lately preferr.d to the Honour of being one of the Clerks of his Majesties Privy Council will inform me how to convey a packet of little practical Tracts to you, such as the Society have occasionally dispers.d and if I can by Enquiry recover the Sermon you mention of a Prelate in Ireland concerning the Decrees of God I shall be Glad to add it to your Packet.

Beside the Societies Engagements in great Brittaine and other parts of Europe, they have been very Solicitous to give what assistance they could to the Protestant Mission from Denmark to the East Indies, which his Danish Majestie has so generously established.

You will be better acquainted with the Steps that have been taken to further this design by a little Historical account that will accompany your packet than I can pretend to inform you in the Compass of a Letter

Give me leave only to tell you that God has raised up many friends in England to this Mission and nothing is omitted by the Society that is in their power, to encrease the Number of Benefactors to it.

The presence of Mr. Ziegenbalg here in his return to India has been of singular Service to Satisfy those that conversed with him of the prudent choice that has been made of the Instruments employed in this work

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He seems endowed with all that good Sence and Courage and as Piety that is Necessary for One that is to encounter with so many difficulties as daily occur in the Mission, nor is he less happy in a healthfule and vigorous constitution of Body to Execute the Dictates of his Mind which give him little Rest.

I shall not be Just to his Consort that went with him this voyage if I dont also tell you that she is wonderfully adapted to be the Spouse of such an Husband, her Prudence, Patience, and Resignation under all Events, presage, if it please God to Spare her life that she may be a Pattern of virtue to her Sex in India as well as a Blessing to her husband on whose life the Success of the Mission seems under God very much to depend

May God almighty prosper this and all other designs for his Glory, and dispose all parties chearfully to unite in the measures for enlarging the bounds of the Church of Christ till there shall be no remains of Heathenism or Idolatry in the World

To Wm Dawson Esqr

Mid Temple 28 June 1716

Hond Sr

I have here enclosed Mr Cobbs Letter to me from Bombay Castle by which he desires the Honnoble Court of Directors of the East India Company may be intreated to that they would be pleased to send thither two Schoolmasters well versed in the Methods of Instructing Youth

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If you please to communicate so much of the Letter as you think fit to the Court and they should be inclin'd to grant Mr. Lobbs request, the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge will readily give any assistance towards it which is in their power particularly if the Company give leave for it to recomend such persons to their Service herein, as shall be Men of Religion ability for the same they engage in and entirely well affected to King George and his Government and the Interest of the East India Company, I will wait upon you or the Court to know their pleasure herein when = ever it shall be proper and remain

Approved by the Society 28. June 1716

Sr

To y^e Bp^p of Carlile at Rose Castle Cumberd

My Lord

The Society being informd by Capt. Morris a Corrsponding Member from Rolbridge near Carlile that the parishioners are so poor to give a Suitable allowance for supporting an able Ch: Sch: Mast. But that they would readily Consent to ye Inclosing a part of the Comon if his Grace ye D. of Portland who is Lord of the Manner would be pleased to grant them leave, and the Capt. recomending it to the Society to use their good offices for procuring that favor. I am order'd humbly to acquaint y^r Lordship with this proposal. and if your

approve of it, that you would be pleased to give Your advice
therein wth No. of acres it may be reasonable to request for such
a purpose, and whether Your Lordship will vouchsafe to
recommend it to his Grace, or suffer Yo^r^ name to be used by
those the Society shall appoint to Solicit in this affair

I am My Lord &c.

18. 7ber 1716. H. A

To Capt Morris at Carlile

18. 7ber 1716.

In ans^r^ to Yours of the 13th of this last Month, The Society are very much obliged by Yo^r^ Solicitude for the promoting the Effectual Support of a Charity Schoolmaster in your parts by Enclosing part of a Comon in a Manner of the Duke of Portland, upon which Subject I have wrote by this Post to the Bishop of Carlile a Member^r^ of our Society to pray his Lordships Letter and Interest with his Grace in the Affair, In the mean time I am to desire You would wait on his Lordship to Explain what you did not clearly express in Yo^r^ Letter whether this request is to be in behalfe of Bellbridge where you date Yo^r^ Letter from, or any Parish in Carlile - A Petition of the Inhabitants setting forth the Quantity and Situation of the Land to be begd of his Grace will be necessary, in which the good Bp will readily advise.

As to the Opinion of the Society Concerning Standing Standing while the Psalms ~~Psalms~~ are Sung, they dont think it proper in this or any other

Case to offer it in a dictating manner, but they cannot but Agree with many of the Fathers of the Church who have recommended this Laudable Custom as not only consonant to the practice of the Primitive Xtians but generally used even to this day in the Church of England — while the Psalms are read, and in many Churches in London while they are sung espcially during the Celebracon of the Holy Sacrament of the Lords Supper. But in any thing of this nature the Society had rather refer them selves and their Members to the Opinion of the Bishops of the several Dioceses where such practice is Endeavord to be introduced.

Jam.s &c.

R. Newman

To the Reverend Mr Lawrence
at Yelvertoft

19. Febry 1716/7

Rev.d Sr

Yo Letter of the 8. December last with your Thanks for the packet was receid in due time, and Communicated to the Society, and what you therein observd concerning the Children of Gramar Schools breaking up in a Rebellious manner, being a matter that well deservd their Consideracon, they referd it to a Committee. upon whose Report the Society have orderd me to acquaint You, that they are of Opinion, That Notice be given by every Master where so disorderly a practice has prevaild, that the Schools under their care shall be broke up, and the day when, before the usual times of breaking up. That if this method

observd

observ'd by the Master in a prudent manner does not answer the end, that the Minister of the Parish, or Bishop of the Diocese be humbly applyd to, and desired to use their Authority in suppressing a practice of so ill a Tendency. And the Society are also of opinion that these disorders are greatly owing to the Imprudent Management of the Masters themselves, whose Duty it is frequently to Inculcate upon the minds of the Children The principles of Obedience and Subjection to those who are Intrusted with the Care of them.

Yo^r Reflection upon this Custom as tending to prepare the Youth when grown up to be Rebells against their King & Country is very just, and if the Masters could be prevaild with to do their parts in Correcting so disorderly a practice, it would soon be laid aside Notwithstanding the pretences that are used to Connive at it.

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Rev^d Sr

Yo^r &c.

Approv'd by the Comee 19 Feby 1716-17

To the Revrend Mr Chapple
at Clythydan Wales

19 Nov 1716

Revd Sr

I recd your kind letter of the 2d Inst with the Edifying Account of the proceedings last year of the Excellent Society in your Country that are so happily united in doing good, and communicated both of them to the Society here to whose they were very Acceptable, not only for your intended Benefactions to their designs, but for the clean Spirit & Resemblance of primitive Charity that shines in all your Proceedings, for which I am ordered in a particular manner to give you the thanks of the Society here.

You do them an honour which they will never arrogate to themselves of being the Pattern & present of all the private Religious Societys in the Nation. They rejoyce to see in the remoter parts of the Kingdom, such Examples worthy of being imitated by all Christians to true Religion.

The Ardour that appears in your proceedings is a respectful Instance of the Goodness of God, in disposing persons at so great a distance from one another to Harmonize so fully in their Sentiments and methods of promoting Gods Glory & the good of Mankind, as if they were every day intimately conversant together.

If you have derived any Benefit from the assistance this Society have Conveyd to your parts, to God be y[e] praise as well as of the ample returns you have made by your good offices and Contributions to the Ignorant and Indigent

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not in your parliament, but to the whole Kingdom, and even to the last Posterity, whereunto they surely have Extended their Endeavours.

Nor doth your Charity stop here, but you add to your Prayers for the Blessing of God on their Endeavours, a Vow which can make the least Efforts become powerfull to the furtherance of this Glory, And therefore you cannot more Oblige this Assembly than by your fervent Endeavours at Home, to excite them every where to the Duties of Obedience to Christ in their several Callings.

Go on Reverend & Worthy Sirs in your holy purposes & by a Christian conversation, and this Assembly cannot but prove a Blessed and a Happy one, and Posterity & future Generations may with Astonishment & Joy celebrate this Day wherein the Foundations of Christian and such a Society were so Gloriously laid for the Welfare and Comfort of others.

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I am ashamed of my long silence but was glad to find by the Post he came by you Gentlemen were gone

Yor &c

Approved by the Society 14 Feb: 1710-11.

To the Reverend.
Dr. Jones Dean of Bangor.

London-House. 2 April 1717.

Rev: Sr

Approvd 2. April 1717.

I reced your favour of 8th: of last Month and acquainted y Society with your thanks for the Packet, together with your proposal for publishing that Exercises for the Charity Schools on the Subjects of Prophane Swearing Pilfering, and Stealing, against Brawling, Quarelling, & calling Names &c. of the Vices comon to Children.

The Society are so well satisfyed of the Expediency of your Proposall, that they have not only orderd me to signify their concurrence in yo Sentiments, but to desire you would be pleasd to prepare Exercises upon those Subjects. Give me leave only to acquaint you with their Rules for admitting Books into their Paket wch are subjoined that you may not be surprizd at any alteracons that may be suggested if you should think fit to comply with the Society's desire.

I forgot in my last to thank you for the comfortable Acct you gave of the Schools in Anglesey & Carnarvanshire the 20th of June las wch were not inserted in the last printed Acct because the Notice came to my hands after the Acct was in the press but care will be taken not to omitt them in the next Acct so wch perhaps you may propose some additions.

I have given direction to y Society's Messenger to send in your next packet a Copy of the first part of Pictas Hallensis it being too be Oblig'd to be sent frankt by the Post.

I hope the Delay of y Impression of y Welsh Bibles will be abundantly attoned for by the compleatness of y Edition when it comes forth and believe no paines is spared to dispatch it now the weather is good. I shall let Mr Williams the Corrector know how earnestly it is desired & assure you that I am

Rev: Sr

Yr &c.

To Mr. Wheeler at Warpenham Northamp.

Rev: Sr.

Lond. House. 10 April

I am constraind to Answer your ~~[illegible]~~ Letter of the 2[illegible] of last Month sooner than it may be I should have done to prevent the construction I find you are pleas'd to put upon my Silence, though I must acquaint you that if my Memorand.* are right you have you have had a Letter from the Society since yours dated the 6th. of Novr. an Answer to which was sent the 27th. of the same Month accompanying the Society's Circular Letter wch. your last seems to intimate never came to your hand. Give me leave therefore to send you another Copy of the Circular Letter with the Substance of what was then added as far as my Memory will help me viz. That the Society thank'd you for your hint of an Expedient for increasing the Charity Schools by procuring a disabling Clause in some Act of Parliament to prevent any poor gaining a Settlement any where but the place wherein they where born, except they could read and write; And also to mix some sort of work with the Childrens Sedentary Learning in the Charity Schools to inure them to Labour as well as for the Profit of it.

This Letter I then Signify'd to you was refer'd to the Comittee, and as soon as I could inform you of the result of their thoughts, and the Society's concurrence in them you should hear from me.

I can now acquaint you that the Committee have considerd of your kind Suggestion and are of Opinion that it will not be advisable to urge any thing in favour of the Charity Schools in Parliam.t like the Prejudices some Honble. Members have conceiv'd against them as if they were Nurseries of Sedition & Rebellion instead of Religion and good manners are more worn off some Masters & Mistresses wh. their Children have given too great occasion for such Jealousies.

As to the proposal of mixing some Labour with the Childrens Learning the Society have upon the Comittees report Unanimously agreed to the Expediency of it, and resolv'd to recomend it by one or more Clauses in their next Circular Letter. And in Order to this the Rev. Mr. Fox of Potterne in Wilts: having had this matter much on his thoughts I have been directed to put into his hands as is actually done all the Hints wch. I find among ye Society's papers upon this head with a desire that he would prepare such a Clause or Clauses as may be proper to excite the Society's Correspondents to make some attempts herein.

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As to the main part of your last letter I am glad to acquaint you that you have been mis informd about the want of Unanimity in the proceedings of the Society; It is not to be expected in so great a Body that every Member should have the same Sentim: with one another but God be praisd they have hitherto & I hope ever will agree, in the Chief Ends of their Institution, the Glory of God & the Good of Mankind. what might give occasion to those that informd you to think otherwise perhaps was their late debates about a place to meet in, wch is now amicably decided I believe to the satisfaction of those that oppos'd going to S.t Pauls Chapter House for fear it should occasion a thin attendance on the busines of the Society, but the trial of it has convinc'd them that the Society was never better attended than now it is and those Members to whom the removal at first seem'd inconvenient do still come to give their assistance in the usefull work of the Society. I have wrote to Mr Downing for the Manuscript you mention & when I receive it shall obey your Orders for sending that and the other Manuscript about prisons to Mr Green being.

Rev.d S.r Yo.d

A Representation of the misbehaviour of some Children in the habit of Charity Children.

Read & approv'd by y.e Comittee 23.d July.

Several poor Children in the habit of Charity Children being observ'd to pass their time Idly in the Streets, and by Gaming, ill Language Begging or other misbehaviour to bring a Scandal on the Design of Charity Schools: And there being reason to believe that these poor Children may be such as have deserted the Schools to which they belongd or have been discharg'd from them for great faults, by their respective Trustees, who in compassion suffer them to carry off their Cloaths, especially when they are much worne.

To remedy such inconvenience for the future it is propos'd that every Charity Child have a Badge in Copper or Pewter sew'd on some part of their Cloaths signifying the School they belong to, and the Number of Boys or Girls in that School, and that such Badge be taken off whenever a Boy or Girl is dismiss'd from School.

To the Revd Mr Maule
at Corke in Ireland

Middle Temple
3. Oct. 1704

Reverend Sr

Approved by the Comtee

Yo. Letter of the 5th of July was receivd in due time and communicated to the Society who much applaud the Design of setting up Charity Schools in Ireland on a Publick Foot, and that to render it effectual it should come recommended to the Parliament from the Throne but the Society thought it their Duty before they concerned themselves further herein to apply to the Bishops of Derry & Meath who are Members of their Body to desire their Lordships Sentiments in this affair and they have since signify'd not only their Approbation of the Design but their Inclinations to joyn their Good Offices with those in Power for effecting it; But their Lordships Letters not coming to the Society till after the Departure of His Grace the Duke of Bolton for Ireland it was for that reason judged too late to make any Steps for procuring the favour desir'd this Sessions. However the Society hope you have already and will continue to use the most likely means to prevail with those in Power to recomend in a proper time this affair to His Grace the Lord Lieut. and you may be assur'd nothing will be wanting in the power of the Society to help forward a design that promises so much advantage to the Protestant Religion, and so much glory to His Majesty's Government as well as Happiness to His People in Ireland

I have wrote to Mr Nicholson, and shall further acquaint him with what has been done in this affair. His Laudable Zeal, and the Success of his unwearied applications have given the world a full Demonstration of the practicableness of w.t he proposes, and yo.r own charitable Example has Contributed very much to Confirm the same

To the Revd Mr Nicholson at Camin
near Kilgo Ireland

NB. Wrote to Mr Nicholson the same as Mr Maule's above for answer to his of 30th July mutatis mutandis.

To Mr. Nicholson at Hampton Midd.

Middle Temple
3. Oct: 1717.

Sr

I have laid your Letter of the 20th of last Month before the Society concerning an Application to His Majesty for His Royal Bounty towards Erecting and supporting a Charity School at Hampton and tho they have no Reason to doubt of His Majesty's Gracious Inclinations to encourage so good a Work, the Society do not think it advisable to lay any Rolle before His Majesty for that purpose, because His Royal Comandr to a Minr of State will be sufficient in this Case, but in order to obtain that favour it seems necessary that Mr. Cortel should wait on my Lord Bpp of Norwich or some other great Person near the King to assure his Lordship of the good Disposition of the Inhabitants to encourage a Charity School, and likewise their Resolution to choose a Person known to be well affected to His Majy and Government for Master of the School; This being done it is hoped the undertaking may succeed. For the rest I refer you to our Meeting in London wch I hope will not be long after this from

Sr Yo. most humble Servant

H: Newman

Approvd of by C. Counc 1. Oct. 1717.

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To the Revd. Mr. Maule
at Dublin Irel.

30. Jany 17[illegible].

Reverend Sr

Approved by the
Sc: 30 Jany.

I receid your kind Letter of the 21. Novr. and communicated it to the Society here, who are pleasd to find their concern for the Prosperity of the Society at Dublin so acceptable to them and y[e] the small token they have sent as a proof of their good Wishes by Mr. Macquire will not be less acceptable when it comes to hand.

The Society in Ireland are engagd in the same good Design of promoting Charity Schools, as the Society here, and therefore the good Success w[ch] it may please God to give their Undertakings cant occasion a greater Joy to the Members of that Honourable Body in Irel. than it will to the Society here, for w[ch] reason it will not only be always agreable to their Inclinations, but yield a greater Pleasure to them, whenever they can be assisting to promote the excell[t] Designs of the Society in Ireland.

Brigad[r] Shearne has payd sometime since to Mr. Hen: Hoare the Treas[r] for the Malabar Mission the Benefaction of 20[li] remitted by the worthy Mr. Knight, and I am order'd by the Society to desire you would return their Thanks to the Charitable Benefactor for it, and to the person who was so kind as to remit it without the usual Allowance for the Exchange.

As to that part of your Letter wherein you desire to know what Encouragement the Society or other well disposd Persons here propose to afford to a Missionary to the E. Indies when a Person of worth & Piety shall be found to embark in the glorious

Cause

Case Mr. Ziegenbalg &c.? are engaged in: They have fully considered of this Matter and are of Opinion that while their Stock appropriated to the Service of that Mission is so low as at present it is, they can make no promises of a certain allowance to any Person; what they have rec.d hitherto being Casual has been annually remitted in Money or Goods to encourage the Danish Missionaries at Tranquebar, excepting what has been sent in Books to the English Settlem.ts and 50£. sent to Fort St. George to promote an Experim.t of Malabarian Schools there and at Fort St. David to be instructed by Masters chose from among the Converts to Christianity in the Schools at Tranquebar of the Success of wch. the Society hope to hear by the next Ships from India.

There is a New Edition of the Acco.t of this Mission now in the Press which will be sent to you when publish'd, together with such additions as the Society are now able to make, by dispersing which they hope the hearts of many good Christians may be inclin'd to encourage a Work which stands so much in need of Benefactors, that all the Society have at present in their Power will scarce defray the Common Expences of Passage for a Schoolmaster from Europe much less maintain one in the Indies.

Your kind Suggestions on this head are nevertheless most acceptable to the Society, and I am order'd therefore to thank you for them.

The Society were likewise pleas'd with your Advice of the good Prospect there is of recovering the Lands and Revenues belonging to Cranborn School, which when accomplish'd they will be glad to be inform'd of.

I am likewise to thank you for the present of Charity

Sermons

Sermons preach'd at Cork in favour of the Charity Schools there by the hands of good Brigad.r Stearne, which were very acceptable to the Society, and they hope it may not be long ere they have the pleasure of seeing that preach'd by the Bishop of accompany'd with a genral Accot. of all the Charity Schools set up in the Kingdom

The Revd. Dr. Baldwin and Mr. Secry Barry are chose Correspond.g Members as you desir'd and are wrote to accordingly

May the Blessing of God attend your Endeavours in Ireland for promoting his Glory in the way of Charity Schools till the Ignorance & Popish Superstition of the present Generation are quite extinguish'd and the Protestant Interest so effectually establish'd as to be out of danger of a Relapse are the Wishes of the Society as well as of

Reverend Sr.

Yr. most humble Servant.

Henry Newman

Mr. Jennings is well and desires me to send you his most humble Service

To the Revd. Mr. Huyst
at Kilkhydon Devonsh.

Febry. 11: 1717/8.

Reverend Sr

I receiv'd your very obliging Letter of the 23.d of Decr. accompany'd with a Compliment in the name of the worthy Society

Approv'd by the Com: 11. Feb.

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in your Lett to the Society here, and communicated it to them. They are glad to hear of the Christian Harmony that attend your Proceedings in this divided uncharitable age, and congratulate you in the Success it pleases God to continue to give your associating as Brethren to Solace one another in the pleasures of Religious Conversation; They esteem it an Honour to be any ways accessory to the Continuance of that pleasure you injoy, but cannot assume to themselves the Character of being Principals, where the Dependance is mutual, and the Advantages of having the prayers and advice of each Society reciprocal It would be a great Pleasure to them to see more such Fraternities formd in other parts of the Kingdom as you rejoyce in, the Fruits of which would soon bring into Contempt the Combinations that triumph in propagating Infidelity and Prophaness upon Intemperance. May your Salt diffuse itself till other parts are disposd to follow your Laudable Example.

I am ordrd particularly to thank you for the Benefacon you design to remit to them by the worthy Mr. King,

The Revd Mr. Mervin of Heanton whom you recommended for a Corresponding Member is chose and wrote to accordingly

I have no better way to attone for my not sending the last half yearly abstracts as usual to Mr. King than by sending time a Copy of the Report that was made at the anniversary Meeting of our Society the 16. of last March to be communicated if he please to your Society, which God willing shall be done as soon as I can get a Copy made, and can send it free of Charge to him I am with great respect to your worthy Society & you

Reverend Sr.

Their & your most humble Servt.

A. N.

To the Reverend Mr. Stephens
at Shrevenham in Berksh.

London House
22d. Febry. 17[illegible]

Reverend Sr.

read 26. Signed & approved
Agreed.
1st. Febr.
It should not be sent
forward till advice
from Mr. Harbottle's be-
ing accepted for
Shrivenham

Mr. Harbottle returnd to London a few days since very much pleasd with the kind reception you gave him, and he is preparing himself to wait on you to open the School as soon as his private affairs can be adjusted which he hopes may be in a few days.

Upon this occasion I am further to acquaint you; the Society being informd that Mr. Barrington had a Considerable Estate in the Parish of Shrivenham, desird the favour of him to come and discourse with them about the State of the Parish: Several things falling from him in Discourse which they did not would be very useful Regulations for the School, they desird him to take the trouble to put down his Thots in writing which he was pleasd to comply with, and layd them before the Society, where they were read and very much approvd: a Copy of them is herewith enclosd to you by their Order to be communicated to the worthy Promoters of this Charity, as what in their Opinion may make the School that is about to be erected peculiarly beneficial to the parish.

The Society is very fully satisfyd that it would be of Great Importance to the publick Good that all the Charity Schools should as much as possible be made Nurseries of Industry as well as Learning, for being puffd up by the Latter the Children should become incapable of the former: It must be own'd there is not one Boy or Girl educated in these Schools, but what are designd for Servants to some

some Man or Woman in the Kingdom, and probably for some labo-
rious Employment, and therefore whatever disqualifies them for
such Services must carefully be avoided: And it is but too
evident that a great part of the time is spent in Idleness at all that
sort of Schools, where some Labour is not added to the Children's
Learning, for want of which those educated in them are necessi-
tated to invent diversions and sometimes unlucky tricks to
fill up their vacant Hours.

The Society likewise think Mr. Barrington's Reasons for
regarding the Girls in this Charity before the Boys are of great
weight, and therefore recommend it to you and the rest of the
worthy Promoters of this School, to consider whether yo. Charity
will not become more useful and extensive by providing for all
the poor Girls preferably to, but not exclusive of the Boys.

The Society were glad to find a Gentleman of Mr. Barrington's
known good Character in the World, and Interest particularly
in your Parish, so ready to countenance your Undertaking
upon Regulations so agreable to their own Sentiments, and they
doubt not, but the Assistance of so worthy a Benefactor will be
highly Beneficial to the Design.

I again heartily wish you success in this Affair and
remain

Reverend Sr

Yr. most humble Servt.

Henry Newman

Regulations propored for the School or Schools of the Tythings of Shrinham, Bourton & Watchfield, in Berkshire

1. That a Number of Girls, equal at least with the Boys, be admitted into such School or Schools, till all the Girls of Shrinham, Bourton, & Watchfield are admitted that will come to School; the Girls being a much greater Burthen to the Parish when they are ill educated, than the Boys, who are employd in the Husbandry Work of the Parish: Whereas no Body will take Girls that are ill educated to be Servants in their Familys, the common & most usefull way of providing for Girls: And it being besides of a more lasting Service to give poor Girls a good Education, than poor Boys; Because when such poor Girls come to grow up, and become Mothers of Families, the Education, and Management of Children in their Families, will depend chiefly on them, whilst the Father is employd in providing for their Support and Maintenance.

2. That Children be taken into the School from 4. or 5. years old, that being an Age when they are capable of Learning, and least capable of any Labour or Employment: And that no Child continue above 3. years in such School unless with the Approbation of the Majority of the Subscribers; Schools being to be considerd only as Nurseries of Learning, Virtue and Industry, and not as Hospitals, in which Children are to spend their youth, or to be kept out of harms way.

3. That the Hours of Schooling be from 8. in the Summer & 9. in the Winter to 11. in the forenoon, and from 1. till 4. in the Summer and 3. in the Winter in the afternoon; that so the Parents of such Childn as shall go to such School or Schools may have the help & Assistance of their Children in the Morning and Evening at home, which is usually the time, when their Assistance is chiefly wanted; That the

Children

Children may still be trained up to Labour without ever being wholly turn'd from the Labour of the Body to Learning, or from Labour only to such more easy work as they may be employ'd in at School.

4. That none of the Children learn to read above half the time they shall be at School; And that for the other half of the time they be put to some useful work; The Girls to spinning, Knitting, or Sewing; The Boys to spinning, Provided that if any Person of the parish is willing to employ any of the Children for the whole day, or part of the day, such Child shall not go to, or continue at School, during such time: This Method will go some ways towards defraying the Charge of the School, or towards the maintenance and support of the Child; will enure the Children to Industry and sometime to hard Labour; train them up for the Husbandry of the Lariff; and make the School subservient to the Interest of Husbandry, which is the true Interest of the Lariff with respect to itself, and with Relation to England: Whereas teaching them only to read is using them to a more Lazy Sedentary Life proper enough for Gentlemen Scholars, and some sort of Tradesmen, but no ways fitting for those that are to get their Livelihood afterward by Labouring hard; And if the Farmers may not have such Children at any time out of the School as they are willing to employ, the School will hinder the Plough, and other Husbandry Work of the Lariff, instead of being subservient to it, as it ought to be.

5. That for preventing the Rudeness the children may learn one of another by coming together which will often happen as well as the great Loss of time, the Damage to their Apparel, and

and the Prejudice it may be to the Children's Health from their coming in unseasonable Weather, and other Inconveniencies to two of the Tythings if the Children of those two Tythings should come to any one Tything to be taught, there be Endeavours used to get proper Masters or Mistresses & a suitable Encouragement for them in the several Tythings to teach the Children of their respective Tythings, or til that can be done the Master go two days in the Week to each Tything, in which Case the Hours of Schooling should be from 7. in the Summer and 8. in the Winter to 11. in the forenoon, and from 1. to 5. in the Summer and 4. in the Winter in the afternoon.

6. Because the good Effects of such Schools depend in great Measure upon the proper choice of the Masters or Mistresses, that the Masters & Mistresses shall be constantly chosen by the Major Vote of the Contributers, or by such Trustees or Managers as they shall appoint, and likewise shall be displaced by them, whenever they see fit.

To Robert Yate Esq.
at the Red Lodge in Bristol

London House in Aldersgate St.
London 24. April 1710

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The Society for promoting Christian Knowledge being informed that some Endeavours have been formerly made at Bristol if not at this time, for employing poor Children in some useful Labour, beside their Learning to read and write &c. And your great Ability and Forwardness in promoting such charitable Designs being well known to the Society, I take the Liberty in their Name to request, that you would be pleas'd to favour them with an Account of the Nature of that employ, and your Advice, how some thing of the like kind may be introduced into the Charity Schools in other Places; it being what it very much desir'd by all Well-wishers to those Nurseries to make them more serviceable to the Publick in respect of Industry, as well as Learning, and what the Society in particular have long been very solicitous for.

Where some Manufacture has obtain'd an Establishment, it seems very practicable to make even Children of 6. or 7. Years of age subservient to promote it, but for want of knowing the Method of going about it, this advantage has been neglected in several Places.

The Society will be very thankful for y.e Trouble of doing this in the most effectual manner: And the more particular you are in communicating y.e Advice herein, the better Judgm.t may be made of the practicableness of the like in other parts of the Kingdom, and you will at the same time have the Pleasure of doing a publick Good, agreable to y.e own Inclination, as well as to the desire of the Society by whose particular Direction this Address is made from

Sr

Y.e most humb.e Serv.t

H. N.

P.S. Lt. Colonel Mr. Beale & Mr. Hunt being present when this Order of the Society was given, desir'd their humble Services might be sent to you.

To the Revd. Mr. Walton
at Carlisle.

London House 11. Decr. 1718

Reverend Sr

Approved by the Comee 9. Decr.

In answer to the Enquiries made in the latter part of yr. Letter of the 5. Novr. Whether the Chaplains in our English Settlements bestow any part of their Labours among the Heathen, or confine their Care to the Garrisons and other Protestants? The English Chaplains generally confine their Care to the English Congregations in the Garrisons where they are excepting a few Indian Slaves who happen to become Domesticks among the English.

Whether it is want of Encouragement or want of proper persons to be sent on that Errand, that hinders the spreading of that pious and necessary Design in our Settlements? I am sorry to answer to this, that the Society find all the Encouragement they can hitherto procure in Gr: Britain not sufficient to support one Missionary from the time the Society have been concernd in promoting the Mission. And when that is in their Power they would be glad it were more easy than it seems to be to find proper persons disposd to leave their Native Country upon so important an Errand.

Whether the Malabarick Grand. was ever printed here in England and if it be easie to get one of them? — The Mal. Grand. was printed at Halle in Germany, and a few Copies have been sent over to the Society most of wch. have been presented to some of the greatest Benefactors to the Mission, and if any worthy person should be induced to undertake the Service of a Missionary in the E. Indies the Society I doubt not will readily order one to be lent or presented a Copy whenever it shall be desird in order to assist the Mission.

The Society have hitherto acted only as auxiliaries and not as principals in encouraging the Mission to India, & they hope the Accot. publishd of the Success of the Danish Missionaries will induce the wealthy Persons of our Nation to think of bestowing some of their wealth to encourage so laudable an undertaking, and likewise some able Divines to become Missionaries in a field so large for propagating the Gospel. I am

To the Revd Mr Thomas Burnett
at Westkington near Marshfield Glos.

London House 28. Febry 170[illegible]

Reverend Sr

In answer to your Letter of the 24 Decr I have communicated the Contents of it to the Society without discovering yr Name It must be confessd that the Experience of all Ages has shewn yt the best Designs are liable to very great Corruption, and therefore it is not to be wonderd that the excellt work of setting up Charity Schools has in some instances been abused. I cant learn that any Catechisme is used under Mr Dodwell's name, but one has been used in some Schools said to be drawn up by Mr Spinckes a Nonjuror entituled a Further Instruction to those who have learned the Church Catechisme, of wch 200 Copies were presented to the Society in Feb. 170[illegible] from a person who concealed his name, and the backside of the Title Page advertising that they were recomended by the late Bp London to be used in the Charity Schools, the Society did disperse them occasionelly among their Members; but the late A. Bp. Cant. having about 10. years ago made objections to some passages contained in it, the Society thereupon discouraged the use of it as much as they could, and I dont know now of any Schools where it is used.

There are about 40 of those Society's in and about London wch

which are call'd Religious Societys, whose first Institution was very Good as you will see more particularly in a little Book formerly sent to you — viz. A Letter from a Residing Member of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge in London to a Corresponding Member in the Country, and from the time that any of the Members of those Societies discover'd a disaffection to the present happy Establishment they have been put under such regulations by the Authority & Wisdom of his Grace of Cant. as 'tis hoped has put it out of their power to propagate their disaffection, & a particular regard has been all along had to the Charity Schools under their influence, not only to oblige the respective Masters & Mistresses to take the Oaths to the Government but to subscribe a declaration in such Terms as were mentioned in the last Circular Letter.

But God be praised these Instances if they had not been timely discovered, and their wicked Tendency prevented, bear no proportion to the many hundreds of Schools in the Kingdom where Loyalty & good affection to the King's gracious Government are every day inculcated.

If there be any thing else wherein I may be able to satisfy your Enquiries of this kind I shall readily obey your Commands being

Reverend Sr

Yr. most humble Servant.

The following Letter was wrote to all the Correspondents to whom Dr. Mapletoft's Books were sent.

Reverend Sr

Approv'd By the Counc. 7. Apr. 1719.

The Books herewith sent are part of a present to the Society from a Person that desires to be unknown, to be sent to such of their Corresponding Members as live in the Country and would give or lend them to such Person or Persons as were most likely to peruse them. The Society believing you would take the best care to dispose of them according to the intent of the Donor, have order'd a set of the several Copies presented for this purpose to be sent to you Carriage paid, concerning which when you write to me you may please to signify that they came to your hands for the satisfaction of the Benefactor if he requires it. from

Sr

Yo. & most humble Servant

Henry Newman

List of Members to whom the above Letter was sent.

To the Reverend Mr. Stuyfle
of Clistydon Devon.

London House 31. March 1719.

Reverend Sr

I am to thank you and your Reverend Brethren in the Name of the Society for their respect signifyd in your Letter of the 19th last month. The Society always give God the Glory of that Blessing which accrews to the publick thro' their means, and esteem you and your Brethren as their Fellow Labourers in promoting the same Holy Religion, which is the End of all their Debates: — For which reason you have a right to know the result of their Consultations, and I wish I could represent them in such a Compass as might not exceed the bounds of a Letter, or your patience to perule: Be pleas'd therefore to desire those worthy Gentlemen of your Society to accept of an Abstract of the Report made at the last Anniversary Meeting of our Society after they had dined together. The principal part of this report consists in what relates to the Designs of the Society in the East Indies, wch. is therefore sent to you verbatim but previous to this report there was another concerning that Branch of their Designs which respects the encouragement of Chr: Schools and promoting christian Knowledge in Great Britain & Ireland, as to which give me leave to present you only with an Extract of the Abstract reported to them, because the particulars are for the most part printed

As to recomending to the Societys Correspondents their uniting in Religious Combinations for promoting true Piety, the Society as you observe have freely imparted their Thoughts on that head to them, and they are glad to find that several of their worthy Correspondents are so much convinced of the usefulness of such associations especially among the Reverend Clergy, that they are — informed of several of them who have enter'd themselves into such Fraternities as

as yours: May God direct them all to his Glory, for extinguishing the animosities and uncharitable Dissentions that have too much prevailed of late, and make them Instruments in his hand of Cementing this Divided Nation.

This has waited sometime to go Frank: I beg it may now be acceptable with an assurance that I am with great respect Your Society's &

Sr. Your. most humble Servant.

To M. Professor Franck
at Hall

Middle Temple Lond.
28. May 1719.

Revd. & most Honoured Sir

It is too manifest a Truth to be thought Flattery, if I tell you that Cæsar and Alexander never carry'd their Arms so far, nor with greater Success, than Professor Franck has done his Enterprizes, of a nobler Nature for cultivating the minds of the Heathen, as well as Christians in the Knowledge and Love of ~~God~~ the Supreme Being, in all his adorable Perfections.

B. This was wrote at Direction of H. W. & not by the Direction of the Society.

When Messrs. Schultz, Dal, & Kistenmacher waited on the A. Bp. Cant. His Grace was pleas'd to make a reflection to this purpose; That he look'd on Professor Franck's Siminary at Hall as a miracle of Providence designed by God for a general Blessing to Mankind, by the Labours of the many Excellent persons educated there, and sent thence to all parts of the World.

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Everyone that reads the continual progress and wonderful Success of that Seminary, must necessarily concur in that Man's Sentiments, And it is with pleasure the Society here for promoting Christian knowledge, esteem it one Branch of their Designs, to encourage and further as much as in them lies, the Welfare of that pious Foundation.

I was in hopes ere now to have receiv'd some fresh News from our Dear Friends at Tranquebar &c.ª but the late Easterly Winds (as supposed is the reason that 4. or 5. Ships daily expected are not arrived; I shall with pleasure forward any Packets for Germany wch shall come to my hands in M.r Boehm's Absence.

I am glad M.r Boehm can so far be at Liberty from his Attendance at the King's Chappel, as once more to visit his Friends in Germany, & that by so good a hand I can assure you of my most grateful acknowledgments for the present of a Clavicordium wch you have been pleas'd to make to me; I shall always esteem it the more for the sake of the Excellt Person from whom I have received it.

My Ltr of March last to Dr Mather is forwarded to N. Engld & if that remote Country can be subservient to your Designs I shall rejoyce in their being so, as it is the Providence where it pleas'd God I drew my first Breath.

Let me ever have a Share in your Prayers to the most High God that I may be numbered among his Faithful Servants, thō as the meanest of them all, and be assured that I am

Reverend & most Honoured Sr

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Henry Newman

To Mr. Charles Tilley
at Uffington Lincolnsh.

London. 17. Nov. 1719.

Sir

Approv'd by ye Comtee 17. Nov. 1719.

I am to thank you for the favour of yours of 29. October which gave me the first Notice I had of the Death of the late Reverend Mr. Evans, on which Occurrence I heartily condole with you, with his Executrix, and your Lady.

According to your Advice I went to the Prerogative Office to search for Mr. Evans's Will, and find he has order'd his Library to be disposed of to charitable uses under certain Limitations therein mentioned. I have obtain'd a Copy of this charitable Bequest and acquainted the Society with it, who are very thankful for the Confidence your late Father in law was pleas'd to repose in them, and would be glad to have any further information from you by which they may be enabled to execute that Trust if ever it should fall to their Lot to be concern'd in it. I am

Sr Yr &c.

5th Dec. 1719

To the Revd Mr. Herbert
Pye at Monmouth

Revd Sir

Approv'd by the Comtee 8. Dec.

I answer'd yr favour of ye 31st of October likewise the 20th of last Month since wch I have received your Letr of ye 20th of Novr. desiring in ye Name of ye Treasurer of ye School a doz. Bibles be upon wch I must acquaint you yt tho ye Charity Schools are still ye Objects of ye Societys care as much as ever, yet where there is a fund sufficient to buy Bibles be for them the Society hope that their Correspondts will not take ye advantage of ye small Fund mentiond in

Approv'd by the Comtee

[illegible] Circular Letter wch was principally intended for the benefit of poor House keepers & other who have perhaps no other of ye like nature to resort to than this —

Give me leave therefore to beg you would by a line let me know whether yt fund for suppporting ye Charity School be not sufficient to defray ye Charge of it, as well in Respect to Books as other things & if it be not, I will acquaint ye Society with it, & believe when that is represented they will readily give their assistance in ye case you mention as to poor House keepers & other poor persons —

You will easily imagine what would be the Consequence of every Ch: School in ye Kingdom expecting a supply from ye Society of all ye Bibles &c wch they should want at ye Rates mentioned in ye Circular Lett. therefore tho ye Society did not expressly exclude Charity Schools from partaking in their small Fund they left it to ye prudence of their Correspondents to ask for Bibles &c for Schools only where necessity required it, & if this be ye Case of Monmouth School, I am well satisfied that what you desire will be granted I am

Sr Your —

To the Revd Mr Tho: Allen
at Kettering Northamptonsh.

London 8 Dec. 1719.

Reverend Sr

Approved by ye Comtee 8. Dec.

I rec. your Letters of the 6. 14. and 30th of last month, and 50l from Mr Hanes's Bookkeeper who stop'd one shill. of the 50. for Carriage, which I should sooner have acknowledg'd but that it was defer'd to the Comtee to consider wherein the Society's New Regulation for distributing Books

Books among the poor might be improv'd so as to be effectual for the end design'd by the Society which reference was partly occasioned by your former Ltr. wherein you seem'd to understand the Design of the Society to be to sell Bibles &c.ª to the poor at y.ª prices mentioned in their Circular Leter, a thing w.ch they cant propose to do, because if their Fund were 50. times larger than it is, it might not be sufficient to answer all Demands in such a manner, and they would inevitably draw upon themselves a clamour from the Booksellers in all parts of the Kingdom as if the Society were undermining their Business.

The Society were aware of this when they first projected their New method, and therefore took Care to guard agᵗ by intimating to their Correspondents that their Intentions were to facilitate the giving away Bibles &c.ª absolutely to the poor, and to desire their Correspondents as much as they could to avoid all appearance of Sale of the Books mentioned in the Circular Lett. and that where a Fund could not be raised to supply the wants of the poor gratis, that they only be allowed the advantage of having them on the Terms mentioned in the Leter, and that the rich be allowed only to have them on the s.ª terms to give away among the poor. The Comee have not yet had leisure to come to a Resolucon upon the above mentioned Reference but in regard to y.ª Zeal for promoting the Designs of the Society, I am allowed to tell you that when you are pleas'd to signify your readiness to observe the abovementioned Cautions the Society will immediately order the sending of as many more Bibles as you shall desire. I may add further that tho the Charity Schools are still the Objects of the Society's Care as much as ever, yet where there is a Fund sufficient to

to buy Bibles &c.a for them, the Society hope that their Correspon.t will not take the advantage of this small Fund to the prejudice of poor Housekeepers, who have perhaps no other Fund of this Nature to resort to.

In short the Society must rely on the prudence & Integrity of their Correspondents not to embarrass a well intended Method for assisting the poor with Religious Books the due use of which in their Families would very much facilitate the Labours of the Clergy and by the Blessing of God make Christianity better known and practiced than it is by some that content themselves only with a bare Profession of it. I am

Reverend Sr

Yr. most humble Servt.

Lr. 12. Decr. 1719.— Sr. The foregoing Letter was wrote to you at the Date of it, but having occasion to alter a Paragraphin it, had not time to transcribe it till now

To the Revd. Mr. Geo: Burghope
at Burton Agnes Yorks.

London 2d. Febry 1719/20

Revd. Sr.

Approved by the Comte 2. Febry 1719/20.

I rec.d your kind Letter of Oct. last with y.e MSS. recommending the charity of contributing to Briefs, and laid the same before the Society, who thereupon referr'd it to be perused according to their Rules, wch. require a MSS. to be under Consideration 2. months, and their Resolution not to be made but on the last Thursday of the Month, wch. I mention'd as an Apology for not writing to you sooner as you had reason to expect.

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The Society having consider'd the several reports of those Gentlemen to whom it was referr'd, they were of opinion that the pious Design of the Composure is in a great Measure anticipated by the Preamble to every Brief, which not only recommends the necessitous Object to the charitable Assistance of Good men, but excites the Revd. Clergy to exhort their Parishioners or Auditors to contribute liberally on such occasions; And that notwithstanding the Wisdom of both King and Parlid. in guarding agt. the Abuse to which Briefs are liable, ill men have found means to elude their charitable Intentions which in consequence has lessened dispositions to contribute to them, and it seems, the Instances of these Abuses have been so numerous and so notorious that the Reputation of Briefs is now so low, that an Advocate for them is not only heard very coldly, but is in some Danger of being thot a friend to the Abuses of them, tho he be the reverse as much as possible.

Upon these and such like Considerations, the Society have declin'd accepting your kind offer of being at the charge of publishing an Edition for their use, & have order'd me to signify their Thanks to you for it: Your Labour in the Composure and charitable Intentions to the Publick being nevertheless to be valued by the Society.

I shall return the Mss. to any Person authoriz'd by you to receive it, and shall readily let you know of any Occurrences in the Proceedings of the Society, which

which I think may give you pleasure. The latest affair of ~~im~~-portance has been to send a supply of Money Books Paper and other Necessaries to the Protestant Missionaries in the East Indies and Accts of whose Success you will see in the Lre lately publish'd by the Society, wch will be presented to you by the first opportunity of sending any thing by the Carriers & perhaps may send them by the Post if I can get them franked.

I sent you the Society's Circular Letter the 3d Oct. last the Progress of which has met with so general an approbation from their Members both in Town & Country that more Books both in Number and value have been dispersed in three months by it, than has been in any time in 6. months before

Mr Griffith Boynton I understand continues to be very much afflicted with the Gout, so that I have not had the happiness of seeing him for a long time, but I suppose you hear from him oftener than

I am Yr. most humble

Servant.

To Professor Frank
at Hall

Middle Temple
London. 20th June 1721.

Most Honoured & Reverend Sir

Your Obliging Letter of the 24th of Novemb.r 1719. having been Communicated to the Society was so acceptable & Edifying — that they soon after gave Directions for Publishing it, that all their Corresponds. might Share in the Pleasure of perusing it.

Approv'd by the Comittee. 27. June 1721. . . .

As no man perhaps has had a greater Experience of the Power, Wisdom and Goodness of that benign Providence which Superintends all Sublunary Affairs than Professor Franke, so his Narratives of the Illustrious Instances of that Divine Goodness, are an Entertainment that must be very agreeable to every man that is possess'd of a Religious Sense of his Dependance on the same gracious Providence: And when dark and — Discouraging Dispensations attend us, the Experience of all Ages as — well as the Holy Scriptures have taught us to believe they are intended by GOD to exercise our Faith in his Power and Goodness, for tho' his ways are unsearchable they are ever the Result of unerring Wisdom.

It was not long after the Receit of your Letter that the Society receiv'd Advice of the Death of the Indefatigable Mr. Ziegenbalg at Tranquebar and by the last Ships thence they are Informd of the Death of the truly Laborious Mr. Grundler. These faithfull Missionaries ~~are~~ were remarkable for their Resignation to GOD in their Lives and Deaths nor would it become us to be less Resign'd, for tho' the Care of the Survivors in the Mission is thereby very much Increas'd there is this Consolation remaining that the same Omnipotent GOD who rais'd them up to do such Signal Service for advancing Christ's Kingdom among the Heathen is not less Powerfull to raise up other Instruments for accomplishing his own Work, which in the Beginning of it we well remember labour'd under — Difficulties that Seem'd insuperable, and yet how prosperous was it by the Overruling hand of GOD. It was the same good Providence directed sending over three Candidates for the Mission at so Seasonable a Juncture that the Loss of these two Excellent Persons was in some Measure immediately repair'd, saving that greater Diligence will be requir'd to carry on the — Superstructure begun by such experienc'd Architects, and even this Difficulty is the less since it pleases GOD to spare the Life of Mr. Grundler so —

so long as it was after the Arrival of Messrs. Schultz, & Dallße. But that nothing may be wanting in their European Friends to encourage them, the Society trusting in the same gracious Direction and Blessing of GOD upon their endeavours, have resolv'd on their parts to leave nothing undone which may be in their Power to support so Evangelick an Undertaking that promises so great a Harvest, and they doubt not of Your Concurrence by your earnest Prayers, Advice & Labours for effecting any Measures that shall be thought proper herein.

When our Excellent Arch Bp. Dr. Wake first heard of Mr. Grundler's Death His Grace expressid a just concern for so great a Loss, and Signifyd His Pleasure to the Society that Professor Frank, and their other Friends abroad in Europe should without Loss of time, be consulted in the fittest means for repairing so great a Loss.

The Society by the Revernd. Mr. Boehm has already Signifyd this Loss to the Illustrious College at Copenhagen who without doubt will continue their Zeal in prosecuting the Best means for executing the pious Intention of His Danish Majesty, and it is very probable they will desire Your Assistance in recommending proper persons to His Majesty for Missionaries; May GOD Almighty direct You in the Choice of as excellent persons as have already been sent from Hall.

The Society here will highly Esteem those who shall be recommended by Professor Frank, and continue to do all the good offices they can to facilitate their Passage to India as well as their Support there.

Thanks be to GOD the East India Company here continue well Inclined to Favour the Mission, and the King himself with the Royal Family do not want inclinations to encourage it, but the Society having lately Obtained a Promise of 500 £ from His Majesty towards printing the New Testament &c. in Arabick, a Design which I am just going to mention, they can't with Decency apply at this Juncture for a Bounty to the Mission, especially while it is under the Cloud it pleases GOD to afflict it with at present.

The Printed Letters formerly sent to you by Mr. Boehm will Inform You of the Motives, and Resolution taken by the Society for Printing the New Testament and Psalter in Arabick. I am glad to tell You that good Providence has hitherto graciously blessid the Undertaking, and there is good Reason to hope for a happy Accomplishment of it, if it please GOD to Spare Mr. Negri's Life who has the Oversight of it. I have herewith sent a Specimen of the New Arabick Types which the Society by Mr. Negri's Advice have caused to be made for that Purpose and is Esteemid much better than the Polyglott

Polyglott Types having been Improv'd in above 30. different Characters but of this Design the Society desire no Notice may be taken in print abroad to avoid as much as possible giving Umbrage of it to the Romish Missionaries who are too much dispos'd to circumvent and hinder the Good intended tho' it is impossible to carry it on here without divulging it to such as may be dispos'd to encourage it.

I had the Honour lately with Mr. Boehm to Accompany the Baron de Tolenthal to the Arch Bp. of Canterbury's Palace when he presented His Grace with Your Noble Present of a Hebrew Bible, printed at Hall. His Grace desir'd me particularly to assure You of his best Respects and thanks for the same tho' he could get Leisure to write himself, and Ask'd me what Language I corresponded with You in, I told His Grace that You wrote to me in Latin, but as I was Inform'd You understood English very well I took the Liberty of Answering Your Letter in English, But before I have the Honour to Acquaint You with this, I Receiv'd the Inclos'd which I suppose may be in English with a Desire to give it the Usual Address to You.

May You long Enjoy the Pleasure of doing Good in this World and may the Divine Blessing allways accompany Your Endeavours for the Glory of GOD and the Happiness of Mankind are the earnest Wishes of the Society as well as of

Most Honoured & Reverend Sir

Your most Obliged &
most Humble Servt.
H. V.

To the Honourable
Governour Tinney, &
Thomas Walker Esq.
at Nassau in
New Providence one of the
Bahama Islands

Middle Temple London
14th. April 1722.

Honr. Sirs,

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge having seen the Extract of a Letter from Mr. Walker dated the 6th. of Sept.

last to a Friend of his in London were very much pleas'd to find that a Gent. of his Zeal for Religion and Virtue; and of so excellent a Character for Wisdom and Integrity as they were inform'd by those who are acquainted with him, has his Lot cast in those Islands where good Men are so scarce, and where it must be a singular Pleasure and happiness to the Governour to have Men of his Spirit to Act the part of Magistrates under him in cultivating the Morals of a Rude and unpolish'd People made up, as the first Settlement of New Colonies generally are, of the lowest Rank of Persons in the Nation.

The Society hope Your Honours will be the happy Instruments of Providence in Establishing such a Foundation for Religion and Good Manners in the Bahama Islands, as may draw down the Blessing of Heaven on Your Labours, and render Your Names dear to all Posterity in those Islands.

The Society desire Your Acceptance of a small Packet consisting of Bibles & other Books according to the Catalogue inclos'd to be distributed as You shall direct to be read every Lord's Day and at other times publickly or privately for the Spiritual Edification of the Inhabitants of the several Islands under Your Government till a better Provision can be made, which it is hop'd You may hereafter have upon a proper Application to the Government here for supporting a Chaplain in the Garrison at Providence, nor is it to be doubted but the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts would have a due Regard to any Application which You may make to them for a Supply of Ministers and Schoolmasters when they see a Disposition in the Inhabitants to improve under such an Advantage whenever they shall lend their Assistance towards it.

As to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge they are chiefly concern'd in promoting Charity Schools and dispersing good Books among the Poor at home, but they are not restrain'd from Imparting their good Offices to any of the British Settlements abroad where the Interests of Religion may be Serv'd by them. It was forgot to put up in Your Packet some of the Methods us'd for erecting Charity Schools &c. and therefore I have here inclos'd 2. Copies, and also 2. Copies of the Prayers for the use of Charity Schools, being all I happen'd to have by me, But whatever You may want of these Books hereafter, they shall be sent to You upon Demand.

The

The Reverend Mr Boehm Chaplain of His Majesty's Germans Chappel at St. James's desires me to recommend to Your Care the Inclos'd Letter and a Packet of High Dutch Books for the Use of the Palatines and other Germans settled under Your Government, and he requests at the same time Your Protection of those poor People, who have Travelled so far, that they and their Posterity may enjoy the Priviledges of Englishmen, and therefore it is hopéd Your Honours will indulge them with all those Freedoms and Priviledges which are granted to any other of His Majesty's Subjects under Your Command.

May the allwise Governour of the World prosper and bless all the Branches of Your Administration for the Advancement of his Glory and the happy Settlement and Improvement of the Religious and Civil Interests of a Country so capable of being made beneficial to the British Commerce, is the earnest Wish of the Society as well as

Hono. Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Serv.

H.N.

Please to direct Your Answer to me here near the first Fruits Office

To the Revorend.
Mr Washington Fellow
of Peter House Cambridge

Middle Temple
22. May. 1722.

Reverend Sir,

I Receiv'd Your Favour of the 26th of last Month and communicated it to the Society at their first Meeting after it came to hand, and in regard the Number of Books therein desir'd amounted to upwards of 18. hundred, that little more than one 3. of them were for Your own Distribution and that You had left it to them to lessen the Numbers sent for in such Proportion as they should think convenient, they were not a little concern'd to find that if they comply'd intirely with Your Desire they might be in Danger of being obliged to refuse some Demands from their other Correspondents which are very numerous and expect a Share likewise of their Charitable Fund for the Curr.t Year. But to shew their great respect to Your Charitable Intentions in Assisting Your Neighbouring

Approv'd
Committee 19

Neighbouring Parishes, as well as Your own, I am Order'd to send all the Books You desire for Your own Parish, and half those You desire for others, and when the Year is more Advanced; if the Calls from other Correspondents admit of it, then to send the remaining half desir'd for Your Neighbouring Parishes, or, if You think that delay may make impracticable hereafter the Good You propose by a present Distribution of them, the Society so much confide in Your Prudence and Judgment that in such Case I am Order'd to send even the whole Number.

As soon therefore as You Signifye Your Pleasure herein, I am Order'd to comply with Your desires being with the utmost Respect

Rev.d Sir

Your &c.a

To the Reverend
Mr. Caleb Parfect
at Stroud, Kent

Middle Temple
19. Junr. 1722.

Rev.d Sir,

Approv'd by the Committee 19. June. 1722.

Your Letter of the 3.d Curr.t has been communicated to the Society, and they are not a Little pleas'd at Your Prudence in seeking to preserve Harmony in Your Parish and to provide for Mr. Good and his Wife who have deserv'd so well from the Parish, tho' it should happen that some turbulent Spirited Men should make it necessary for Peace Sake to dismiss him from Your Service.

The Society considering maturely upon the Affair as You have represented it, think You are very safe in the Method You have taken to consult the Justices of Peace in Your Neighbourhood who by the Act of the 43.d of Eliz.a are Vested with a great Power as to what relates to employing the Poor, and directing the Overseers to take all due Care in distributing any Fund appropriated for the use of the Poor to the best Advantage. Upon which Consideration I am Order'd to Suggest it to

it to You, whether it may not be Adviseable for You to refer the Settlement of this Affair which is like to endager the Quiet of Your Parish finally to their Determination, and if they are pleas'd upon Your Motion in Conjunction with the Leading Persons of Your Parish to appoint the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor for the time being Governors and Directors of Your New Workhouse, it will then be in their Power to choose whom they please to Act as Deputies under them, and Mr. Good may as well take Care of the Workhouse under the Title of Deputy Governour as of Governour; And if Mr. Good and his Wife who have been so Serviceable already and are so capable of Answering the End of Your New Foundation, should happen notwithstanding this Expedient to be set aside, the Society will not be wanting to use their good Offices in recommending them to some other School as occasion shall offer.

Your printed Reasons with Mr. Recorder Barrell's Opinion on them, are allowd to be very good, and must be of Weight with the Justices when Submitted to their Judgment.

To the Rt. Honble the Lord Viscount Townsend His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge being perswaded of the great Usefullness and Charity of printing the New Testament and Psalter in Arabick for the Benefit of the Poor Christians in Palestine and other Eastern Countries where they are very much wanted, and not to be purchas'd but at great Expence, did by the Advice of divers Right Reverend Prelates, and other Members of the Society, publish a Proposal for encouraging it Anno 1721.

And that the Work might be less liable to Objection when the Books should be printed, care was taken to engage the present Patriarch of Antioch, a person of great Esteem as well as Authority in the Arabick Churches, to patronize it.

Duplicate

Duplicate Copies both of the New Testament and Psalter in Arabick, have been thereupon at great Expence, prepar'd at Aleppo under the Patriarch's Direction, and transmitted to one of the Chaplains of His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury for this Service.

Several Lords Spiritual and Temporal, as well as Gentry, have already contributed for this purpose, whereby the Society have been enabled to procure a compleat Font of Arabick Letters, above 100 Ream of Paper and other Necessaries preparatory to the Undertaking.

It is hoped God will put it into the hearts of Good Men to assist in accomplishing a Work design'd for his Glory, and the Benefit of many thousand Souls, the Society have actually begun an Impression of 5 Thousand Arabick Psalters according to the Specimen herewith annexed, at Mr. Palmer's Printing-house in Bartholomew Close under the Care of 2 able Correctors.

It is proposed to print 8 Thousand Copies of the New Testament, if the Fund shall prove sufficient, but if it should fall short of Expectation when the Psalter is finish'd, the number of New Testaments to be printed will be accordingly directed.

Besides the Generous Contributions before mentioned the Society have had reason to hope that the Prospect given of so good and charitable a Work, especially when the Impression was actually begun, by your Lordships Name, would not be lost for want of Help, and should not be wanting to their Assistance by Legal Donations.

They are to desire Leave to lay before your Lordships the above-written Account of the Affair, by which you have already taken, and to pray your Lordships to represent the same to His most Gracious Majesty, that by His Royal Assistance they may be enabled to go on with all the Expedition that such a Work is capable of.

And the Society will ever acknowledge your Lordships Favour and Goodness.

Presented the 14th May 1724.

By Order of Secry

To Mr Rowland Sherman Merch.
at Aleppo.

Middle Temple
9th June 1724.

Worthy Sir.

Approved by the Comittee 16. June 1724.

My former was of the 14th of January last by the Duke of Cambridge which I hope is come to your Hand, signifying the Thanks of the Society for the beautiful Arabick Copies of the Psalter and New Testament sent over by you to be printed here. The Copy of the New Testament in Arabic 8vo. is since come to Hand and I am ordered to desire your Acceptance of the Society's grateful Acknowledgement for it

The Psalter is printed off as far as the 45th Psalm, and will be finish'd off Printing, in three Months Time or less. I have herewith sent two Specimens, One with, and the other without Points and References: Of the Former there are printed 1500 Copies for the Clergy &c. and of the Latter 1500. for the lower Rank.

You will find that the Orthographical Notes which sometimes occur in the Copies you sent over are omitted in the impression of the Psalter; that the Reasons for omitting them are to assure the Society are informed by such whom they thought fit to consult, that the Psalter would be as well understood without the Notes as with them; and for that they are omitted in some Places of the Mss and inserted in others. Besides that the Omission of them enables the Society to print the greater Number of Copies, and they are informed that the Notes are commonly left out in printed Books, Mss and Letters.

Afterwards when the Society came to consider of printing the New Testament there were some Gentlemen present, skilled in the Languages, that had been lately chosen Members who differed in their Opinions with Regard to these Orthographical Notes: Some were for using them all, not only such Notes as are found in your Mss, but likewise those that are omitted; Others were for leaving them all out as in the Psalter; Nay one of the late admitted Members advised that the New Testament would be better understood without

without the Notes than with them. The Case standing thus, the Society have directed me to write to You for the Patriarch's and your Opinion, as to the Necessity of using these Orthographical Notes in the Impression of the New Testament, which they will entirely acquiesce in: And if the Opinion be that the Notes found in your Mss of the New Testament should be printed, the Society are desirous to know, whether those that are omitted should not likewise be added.

The Society also desire to know whether the Psalter shall be sent over by the first Opportunity after they have receiv'd your Answer, and in Case they are to be sent over bound, whether the Binding shall be in Leather or Vellum —

Sir,

The Society are very sensible of their Obligations to You for the generous Assistance You have given towards promoting these Impressions, and therefore they doubt not of your excusing the Trouble of this Application which is made out of a Desire to render the Impression of the New Testament as acceptable as they can to the Patriarch and Yourself to whose Labours they are so much indebted.

I beg You to be assur'd that I am with the greatest Esteem —

Sir,

Yo. most obliged
humble Servant
Henry Newman.

A Duplicate of this is sent to You Via Marseilles. Our Friends Dr. Sike and Mr. Soley are well attending their Patron, the Arch Bishop of Canterbury, & Bishop of Winchester in their Visitations.

Ex. & C.

To the Lord Arch Bishop
of
Canterbury at Lambeth

May it please Your Grace,

Middle Temple
30th May.
1725.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge in pursuance of the Proposal published in 1721. for printing the Psalter and New Testament

Testament in Arabick, have printed 6250. Copies of the Psalter, of which Number 2025. Copies bound, were sent by the last Ships to Scanderoon; and the Remainder will follow by the next Fleet.

The Society are now taking Measures for printing the New Testament, in Order to which, they find themselves obligd to reprint the Extracts of Letters relating to the great Charity and Usefulness of such an Undertaking, with an Account of what has been done upon the Proposal as first published

The Society therefore presuming on Your Grace's Goodness to encourage by Your Recommendation, what You have already liberally promoted by Your Charitable Contribution, have Ordered me in their Names, humbly to request, that Your Grace would be pleas'd to favour them with a Recommendation of the Design to be published with the said New Edition of the Extracts of Letters &c.

If Your Grace should think fit to approve of this Proposal, the Society humbly desire Your Grace to communicate it to the Lords the Bishops of this Kingdom, in hopes of their Concurrence in encouraging so good a Work.

My Lord,

Something of this Kind was done by several Bishops about ten Years since, when the Society promoted an Edition of the Bible and Common Prayer Book in Welch; and as that had the Success desired the Society hope so powerful a Recommendation will gain many Benefactions to this Design, and enable them to extend the Impression of the New Testament in Arabick to a Number equal to, if not greater than that of the Psalter.

This, My Lord, is most humbly signify'd in the Name of the Society by

May it please Your Grace,

Your Grace's

Most Obed.t & devoted

most humble Serv.t

H. Newman.

Agreed to 7.th

Exd. L. C

For Sir Richard Blackmore Kn.t

at Boxsted Essex

By Boxford Bagg.

Middle Temple
7th Sept. 172

Honoured Sir,

Agreed to by the Comee 7th Sept. 1725

The Society think themselves obliged to repeat their grateful Acknowledgements for the Trouble they have given You in making a Collection of Psalms out of Your own Version, according to the Course prescribed by the Lord B.p of London: And did intend immediately to have taken Measures for the publishing that Collection, in Order to the dispersing it occasionally in their Packets. But His Lordship, being informed of their Intentions, was pleas'd to signify unto them, that as He had at first refused His Hand to the recommending of your Version to publick Use: so neither could He now approve of it so far as to consent that Your Collection should be recommended as being conformable to his Scheme, which I have herein enclosed. For notwithstanding the great Value His Lordship professes himself to have for the Piety, Learning and Judgement of Sir R. Blackmore, yet He is now, and always was of the opinion, that the few obsolete Expressions of the old Version are less prejudicial to the Edification and Devotion of plain Country-Congregations, than the many Poetical Flights of the modern Versions; as also that the referring the People to proper Places in the Psalms, which they buy of Course with their Bibles will have a much better and much more general Influence than any of the new Versions, which very few, in Comparison, will buy. And for these Reasons, His Lordship declares, that he cannot agree, that His Scheme, which was calculated only for the Common Translation, be apply'd (contrary to his Intention and Judgement) to any other.

The Society therefore command me to inform You of this unexpected Stop to their publishing the Collection which You have been so kind as to make out of Your own Version of the Psalms, and again to thank You for the great Trouble You have had in it; and to assure You, Sir, at the same time, that You have always their Prayers to Almighty GOD, that He will bless and in his due time reward all your Designs and Labours to promote His Glory, and the Good of Mankind. I am with all Respect,

Hon.d Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Henry Newman.

To His Grace the
L.d Archbp. of Canbury.

Middle Temple
15th August 1727.

Read 15. Aug.t 1727.
Approvd by the Commee
and ordered to be sent
forward

My Lord,

The Society for Promoting Xtian Knowledge have reason to believe that many Legacies to Charity Schools, and for the Benefit of the Poor, are lost to the Publick, for want of their being known to the Parishes to whom such Legacies are left: to prevent which it has been suggested that if some Clerk in the Prerogative Offic.e was authoriz'd to keep a Book on purpos for entering in Columns, as Wills come to be registred, a Memorand.m of the Parishes &c.a to whom such Bequests are left, which might be express'd in one Line for each Legacy, and the same Fees for inspecting such a Book as are usually given to inspect Wills, would abundantly recompense to the Office the trouble of keeping it, especially if it were to begin 20. Years backward when the Bulk of the Charity Schools began.

My Lord, I am order'd humbly to submit this to your Grace's Consideration, in hopes if it be approv'd of by your Grace, such an expedient may be recommended to the proper Officer for the Service of the publick and the Advantage of Posterity.

I have the honour to be with all possible Respect and Duty

My Lord
Your Grace's
most obedient humble Serv.t
H: Newman Secry.

P. S.
I had the honour of your Grace's Let.r of the 4.th Curr.t and humbly thank your Grace for it, tho' I have heard no more from my Lord Townshend about the Subject of it.

To Mr. Auditor Harley
at the Bath.

Middle Temple.
7th May. 1728.

Sir,

The Version of part of the 148. Psalm proposed to be sung at the Anniversary Meeting of the Charity Children, having been communicated to the Bishop of London, His Lordship has been pleased to signify to the Society that there were Expressions in it not warranted by the Original, and that the Hymn is taken out of an unlicensed Version, and therefore ought not to be used in Publick Psalmody.

His Lordship thought that part of the Psalm proposed was very proper if the Words of any of the Licensed Versions were used with the noble lofty Tune to which the Words of that Psalm are fitted, wherein the Common People are generally so well versed as to be able to joyn with the Children, whereas a New Tune must with Trouble and Expence be taught to the Children, and the rest of the Congregation must be silent, though never so desirous to joyn in the same Song of Praise.

The Society have too great a difference for his Lordships Judgment in this matter to decline following it, and they hope you will be of the same Sentiment with them, and give your Directions to put into the Children's hands such Words to be sung (to a Tune that is known) on this publick Occasion as shall be taken out of a Licensed Version.

His Lordships Directions on this head as published some time since were so well received by the Trustees as well as of the Society, that a Deputation was appointed to thank his Lordship for them, and therefore they think it would ill become either of those Bodies to deviate from them: And it was with this View that the Society came to a Resolution in July last of not defraying the Expence of a Singing Master at the Anniversary Meeting of the Charity Children, as being in their Opinion very contrary to the design of his Lordships Directions. I am Sir,

Your most obedt & humble Servt.
H. Newman Secry.

P.S.

I believe I need not inform you that the Licensed Versions named by the Bp. of London were the Old Version of Sternh. and Hopkins, that of Tate and Brady and Sr. Richd Blackmore's.

I may also acquaint you that this matter having been laid before the Society at their General Meeting last Thursday and referred to their standing Committee, I now send you the Result of the thoughts of a numerous Committee, which has taken up so much of their time that though I put them in Mind of it other Business obliged them to postpone the Consideration of your MS. of Directions to Masters and Mistresses &c. to another Opportunity.

To the Reverend
Dr. Humphreys,
Secry to the Incorp. Society &c.

Bartlets Buildings
July 1728.

Rever. Sir,

I have received a Copy of the Minute of the Society for the Propogn of the Gospel in Foreign Parts of the 21st of last Month relating to Mr Lord's Legacy of 50 £. to be sent to the Missionaries at Tranquebar, and the same having been laid before the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, I am ordered to acquaint you that they recommend it to the Incorporated Society to approve of remitting the whole Legacy to Tranquebar in Spanish ps. of 8, towards a perpetual Fund for supporting the Churches and Schools on that Coast as the Missionaries themselves shall direct, And if this be approved of, the Society will be ready to take the Care of making such Remittance by the next Ships for India.

I am also to desire you would signify the Thanks of the Society for the Present of 500. Copies of the Bp. of Lincoln's Sermon preach'd at the last Anniversary Meeting of the Incorporated Society, which they will take Care to dispose among their Members. I am

Rever. Sir.

Copy of the Letter to all the Lords the Archbishops and Bishops, that accompany'd the Rules for the good order and Government of Charity Schools, and the Inquiries into the State of them, of which an equal Number was sent for each Diocese, accordingly to a Scheme laid before the Committee 15th July 1729.

Read at the Commee and approv'd 15th July 1729.

My Lord,

I am ordered by the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge to transmit to your Lordp the Rules you have been pleas'd to approve for the good Order and Government of Charity Schools within your Diocese, and humbly to desire that may be sent to every one of them under the Sanction of your Episcopal Authority. I know not how to find with any Exactness what Number of those Schools is under your Lordps Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction; and for that Reason beg the favour of you, to excuse and rectify any Mistakes in the encloſd List: But for fear there should be more than I have an Account of; I have now sent an Extraordinary Number of Copies, and am further to acquaint your Lordship, that you may from time to time have as many as you shall want.

The Society have for many Years, at the End of the Anniversary Sermon preached at St. Sepulchre's Church, printed the best Account they could procure of the Charity Schools in and about London and Westminster, and now and then have added to it a List of those that have been set up in other parts of Great Britain. They are very sensible, that these Accounts and Lists are imperfect, nor can they tell in what Manner to supply this Defect, unless your Lordship will be so good as to assist them. For which Purpose they have drawn up the inclosed Paper of Inquiries, humbly submitting them to your Lordship's Judgment, and desiring, if you approve of them, that you will please to get a particular Information of the present State of Charity Schools within your Diocese, either by your Chancellor, or Archdeacons when they visit, or in such manner as to your Lordship shall seem most expedient. Their chief Reason for desiring so particular Satisfaction in this matter is, that when the State of Charity Schools thro' the Kingdom becomes fully known, they may more easily be managed as they ought to be, and be made subservient to the common Interest of our Country.

I beg your Lordship's Prayers for God's Blessing on the good Designs of this Society, and am, as in Duty bound,

My Lord

Your Lordship's

most obed.t humble Serv.t

Numb.r of Schools computed in each Diocese —	Number of Orders sent.	No. of Inquiries sent.	Sent afterwards as they are wanted	
			Orders.	Inquiries.
Canterbury.... 60	80.	80.		
York..... 61.	80.	80.		
London.... 174.	200.	200.		
Winchester. 75.	100.	100.		
Durham.. 22.	35.	35.		
Worcester. 48.	65.	65.		
Bath & Wells. 27.	40.	40.		

Carr.d Forward.

	N°. of Schools computed in each Diocese	N°. of Orders sent.	N°. of Inquiries sent.	Sent after Dec. as they are counted Orders.	Inquiries
Brought Forward					
Oxford	22.	35.	35.		
Sarum	88.	100.	100.		
Cov. and Lich	72.	90.	90.		
Rochester	19.	30.	30.		
Glocester	55.	70.	70.		
Lincoln	255.	300.	300.		
Carlile	6.	15.	15.		
Hereford	41.	60.	60.		
Ely	19.	30.	30.		
Peterborough	53.	70.	70.		
Norwich	75.	90.	90.		
Bangor	8.	20.	20.		
Landaff	13.	25.	25.		
Chester	46.	60.	60.		
Chichester	19.	30.	30.		
St. Davids	41.	60.	60.		
Bristol	18.	30.	30.		
St. Asaph	10.	30.	30.		
Exeter	49.	70.	70.		

To the Reverend
M.r Profes.r Franck and
M.r Freylinhausen
at Hall in Saxony

London. 24.th Feb.y 1729/30

Rev.d Sirs

I am asham'd to find yo.r joynt Letter of October. 24. 1728. not yet acknowledg'd with the Respect it deserv'd the reason of which was, a prospect that there would be occasion to write to you largely on the Subject of the Mission to the East Indies, as soon as the Missionaries Letters from thence should arrive; when they came sometime was necessarily spent in translating of them, and of their Journals before the Society could be apprisd of what was proper to be signify'd, and therefor dispatch sake, they were oblig'd to request the Rev.d M.r Ziegenhagen to carry on their Correspondence with him on that Subject He being a Perfect Master of the sense of the Society, as well as of the Original Letters from the Missionaries, was most capable of doing this Service.

Your great candour will I hope accept this as an Apology for my long Silence; I am now by particular Order from the Society, to thank you for the edifying Account you gave to them, in the letter, above mention'd, of the flo rishing condition of the Hospital at Calcutta after it had pleas'd God to take to himself the late Rev.d Profess.r Frank your Excellent Father, the happy Founder of it: And in Consequence of this, the Society have taken care by a Paragraph in their last Circular Letter to notify to all their Members in this Kingdom the present prosperity of that wonderfull Foundation, as matter of great Joy to them, and thankfullness to God under the Concern which the News of Prof. Frank's Decease had raisd in the minds of all well wishers to it.

The Society congratulate you on the Success of y.r Labours, and on the smiles of His Majesty the King of Prussia on y.r Foundation whose Princely Favours to wards it they hope may still continue, and that God who has made him a powerful Patron to the Protestant Cause in Germany may graciously incline His Royal Heart to a Special Regard to a Seminary so much devoted to the Service of the Protestant Religion, and the Common Benefit of Mankind.

In October last the Society receiv'd by M.r Ziegenhagen yo.r kind advices in answer to what he had wrote to you, and thank you for them, particularly for your readiness to accept of recommending a proper Person to be sent as an Assi stant to M.r Schultze at Fort S.t George, and also for yo.r Prudent advice rela ting to the Circumstances of his Removal from Tranquebar, which gave the Society the first notice of its being without the Privity and Consent of the Illustrious College at Copenhagen, but now it is hop'd M.r

Ziegenhagen's

Ziegenhagen's representation on yo. Advice has prevented all Umbrage of Offence to those Hono. Persons.

In Jan.y last I receivd Your Favour of the 10. of that Month accompanying the Revd Messrs Worm, Richtsleig, Sartorius and Dr Schlegelmilch whom we had impatiently expected, fearing they would come too late to embark in the Ships now gone to India; and their arrival here was so critical that had they come a week later they could not have obtaind passage; & even the Favour of their going now, would not have been granted by the East India Company here, without the interposition of Her Most Gracious Majesty, so much were the last Ships for Fort. St George crowded with Passengers.

The contents of Your last letter have been laid before the Society and they are very sensible of the great pains you have taken to oblige them with a proper Assistant to Mr Schultze, the impediments that attended Mr Vahls accepting of the invitation made to him; Your Self Denial in parting with a Person so necessary to the Hospital as Mr Sartorius; and his acceptance of your nomination of him, at so that a warning are all concurring Events of Providence which the Sequel of things will best explain; In the mean time, I am order'd in the most respectfull manner to give you the Thanks of the Society for these remarkable Instances of Your good Will to them, and their Designs.

There not being accomodations for all the Missionaries on board of any one Ship, Messrs Worm, and Dr Schlegelmilch embark'd on board the Cragg Capt Grantham Comm.r and Mr Sartorius and Mr Richtsleig on board the Bridgwater Capt Williamson Comm.r and the 10 day of this month they saild from the Downs after having waited sometime there for a fair wind.

1734. April. 17. 20. 22. 29.

I shall with pleasure let you know of any Account of their welfare as it comes to my knowledge, and whether you write to Mr Ziegenhagen, or Me what you would have communicated to the Society, it will be equally acceptable. and give me leave to beg this may be accepted by Mr Freylinghausen, and you with that unfeigned respect with which I subscribe my self.

Rev.d S.r

Yr most obed.t humble Serv.t

H. N.

P. S.

I now hear that the Cragg and Bridgwater meeting with contary Winds, put back to Portsmouth but that they saild again the 23d Curr.t & have since had a very fair Wind.

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1731.

Reverend Sir

The Society being inform'd that Endeavours have been used by the Quakers to disperse in the North of England large quantities of Woolston's books upon the Miracles of our Saviour in order to propagate the Blasphemies of that Author agt the Foundations of Christianity and all revealed Religion, I am ordered to desire you would inform your Self and the Society into what parts they have been sent, by what Persons recommended, to what sort of Persons they have been chiefly given, and by what means the Impression they are designd to convey may most effectually be suppress'd.

You may be pleased as opportunity offers to confer with other Corresponding Members in your Neighbourhood and signify what Information they can give you on this Subject. I o

Revd Sir

Your &c^a

H. N.

N.B. a Copy of this Letter was sent to the following Corresponding Members (viz.)

1731.

April 17. { Tho: Meaſe, Rect: of Beverley. & W^m Maſon Vic: of Kingston upon Hull.
Tho: Lamplugh at Bolton Percy near Tadcaster.

20. { Dr Osbaldeston Dean of York.
J. Paley at Hunslet near Leeds.

22. { Geo: Mompesson at Bamboro' near Doncaster.
Wm Bridges Curate of Methly near Ferrebridge.
Henry Robinson Vic: of Leeds.

29. { Richard Goodwin at Wentworth.
Dr Bradley at York.
Roger Mitton Vic: of Shipton in Craven.
Marmaduke Deakes Vic: of Brighton in Derbyshire.

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To the Right Reverend
the Lord Bishop of Winchester
at Winchester-House in Chelsea.

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~~2. July 1732.~~

Read at the Society. 6. July & approv'd.

My Lord

Your Lordship's truly Christian Compassion for the Sufferings of the poor Saltzburgers, so fully evidenced by Yr. noble Charity of a Hundred Pounds towards their Support, calls for our most unfeigned Praises to GOD, and sincere Acknowledgements to Your Lordship, and will at the same time we humbly hope, animate our Endeavours for the further Relief of those faithful Exiles, who chose rather to abandon their Country, than violate their Consciences.
Yr. Lordship may be assured that great Care is taken to have this Charity remitted to honest and able Hands, who we have all imaginable Reason to believe will apply it in the properest manner for the Benefit and Comfort of those distressed People.

That Almighty GOD may long continue Your Lordship amongst us for the real Good and Welfare of this Nation, and Crown You hereafter with an Everlasting Reward, is the very earnest Desire and Prayer of

My Lord
Yr. Lordships
most Dutiful and most faithful
humble Servants.

&c

London 7. July. 1732.

John Philipps.
Ja: Vernon.
Wm Tillard.
Benj.n Hoare